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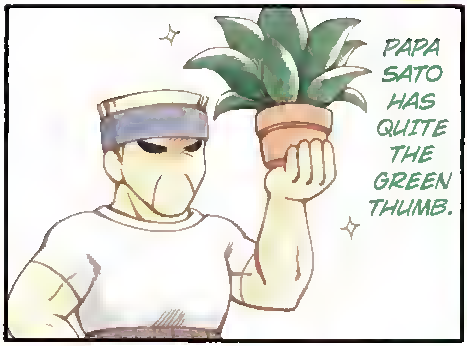
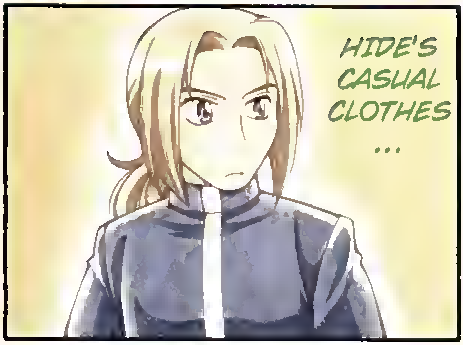
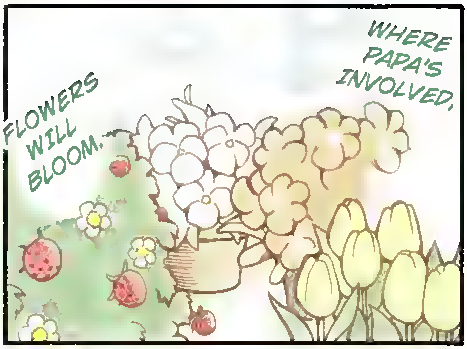
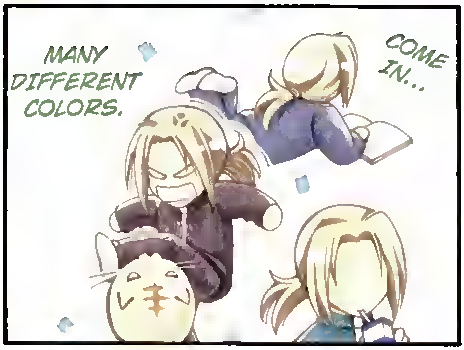
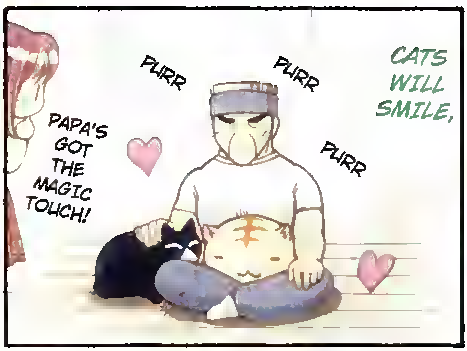
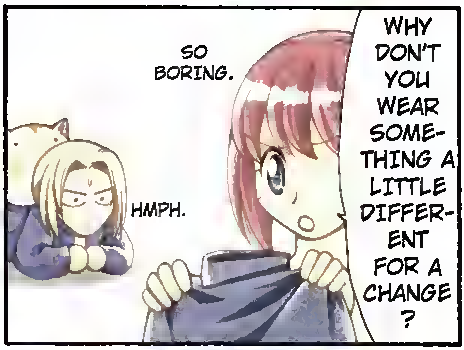

PAPA SATO HAS QUITE THE GREEN THUMB.

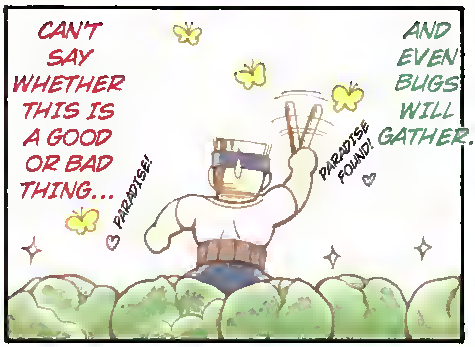

HIDE'S CASUAL CLOTHES ...

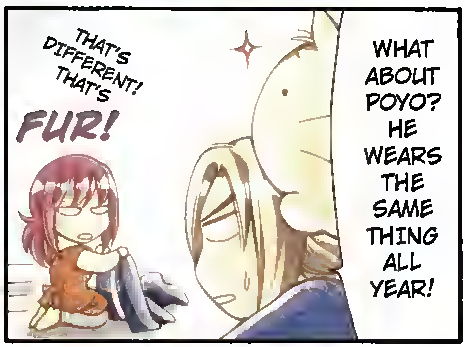

FLOWERS WILL BLOOM.
WHERE PAPA'S INVOLVED,

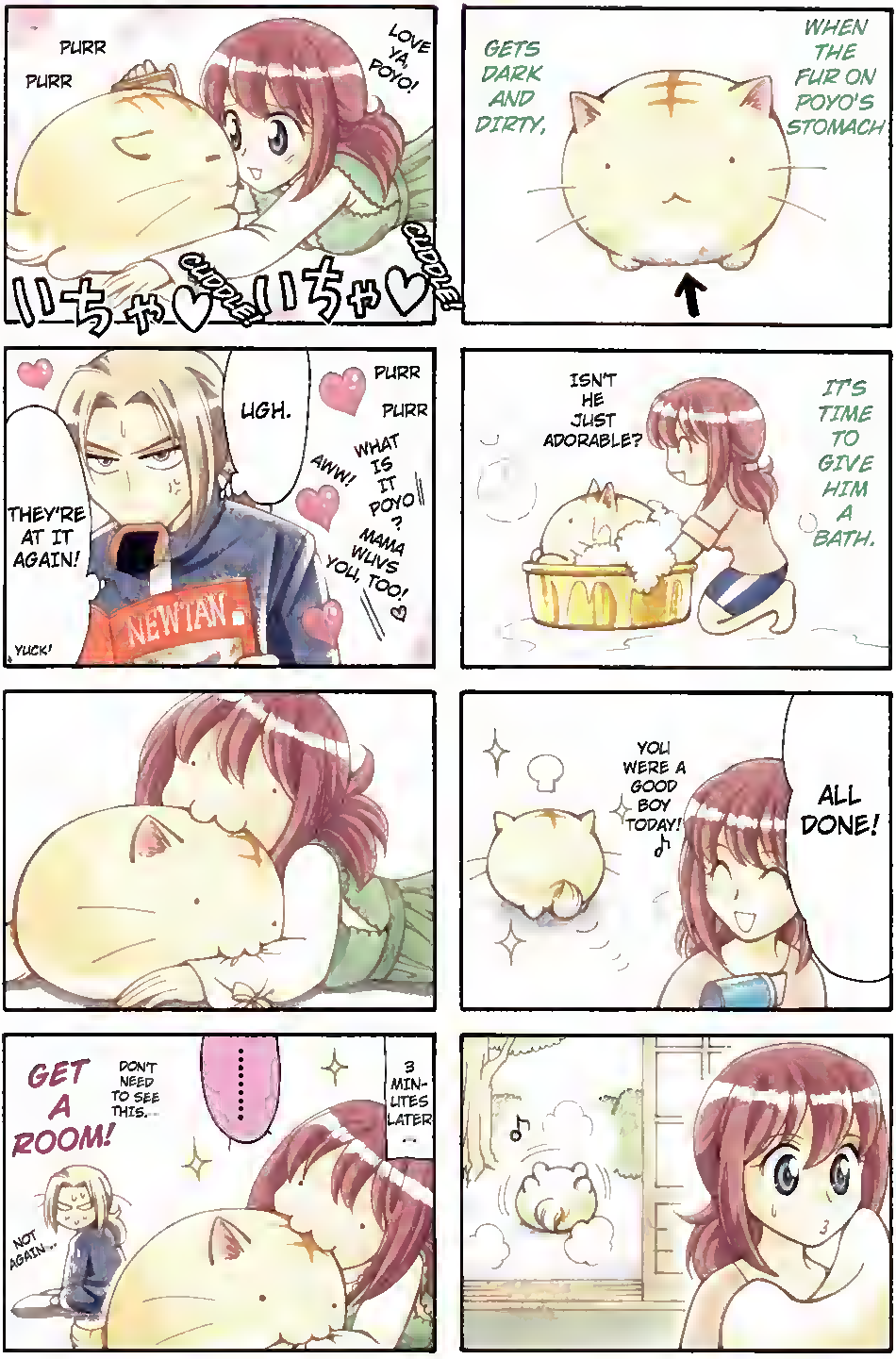

MANY DIFFERENT COLORS.
COME IN...


PURR
PURR
PURR
CATS WILL SMILE,
PAPA'S GOT THE MAGIC TOUCH!


SO BORING.
HMPH.
WHY DON'T YOU WEAR SOME-THING A LITTLE DIFFER-ENT FOR A CHANGE ?


CAN'T SAY WHETHER THIS IS A GOOD OR BAD THING...
PARADISE!
PARADISE FOUND!
AND EVEN BUGS WILL GATHER.

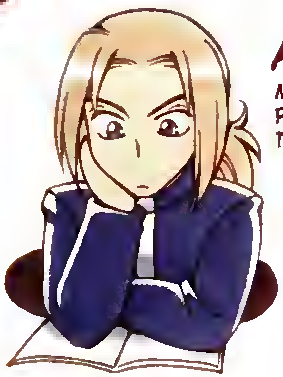

THAT'S DIFFERENT! THAT'S FUR!
WHAT ABOUT POYO? HE WEARS THE SAME THING ALL YEAR!


PURR
PURR
LOVE YA, POYO!
いーちゃ♡ cuddle いーちゃ♡ cuddle
GETS DARK AND DIRTY,
WHEN THE FUR ON POYO'S STOMACH
THEY'RE AT IT AGAIN!
UGH.
PURR
PURR
AWW!
WHAT IS IT POYO?
MAMA WUVS YOU, TOO!
NEWTAN
YUCK!
ISN'T HE JUST ADORABLE?
IT'S TIME TO GIVE HIM A BATH.
YOU WERE A GOOD BOY TODAY!
ALL DONE!
GET A ROOM!
DON'T NEED TO SEE THIS...
3 MIN-UTES LATER...
NOT AGAIN...
3

CHARACTERS

MOE SATO

POYO'S OWNER.
LIKES HOUSEWORK,
HANDICRAFTS
AND POYO.



HIDE SATO

MOE'S YOUNGER BROTHER.
POYO'S RIVAL.
17 YEARS OLD.

SHIGERU SATO

ALSO KNOWN AS "PAPA."
A FARMING GURU.

POYO SATO

BREED: JAPANESE ROUND CAT.
GOOD LUCK FINDS THOSE
WHO DISCOVER HIM
IN THE BACK OF A TEMPLE
(AN OLD WIVES' TALE).

SUZUKI & DAIFUKU

A CHILL DUO WITH A
CAREFREE OUTLOOK
ON LIFE.

MAKI & TSUKUDANI

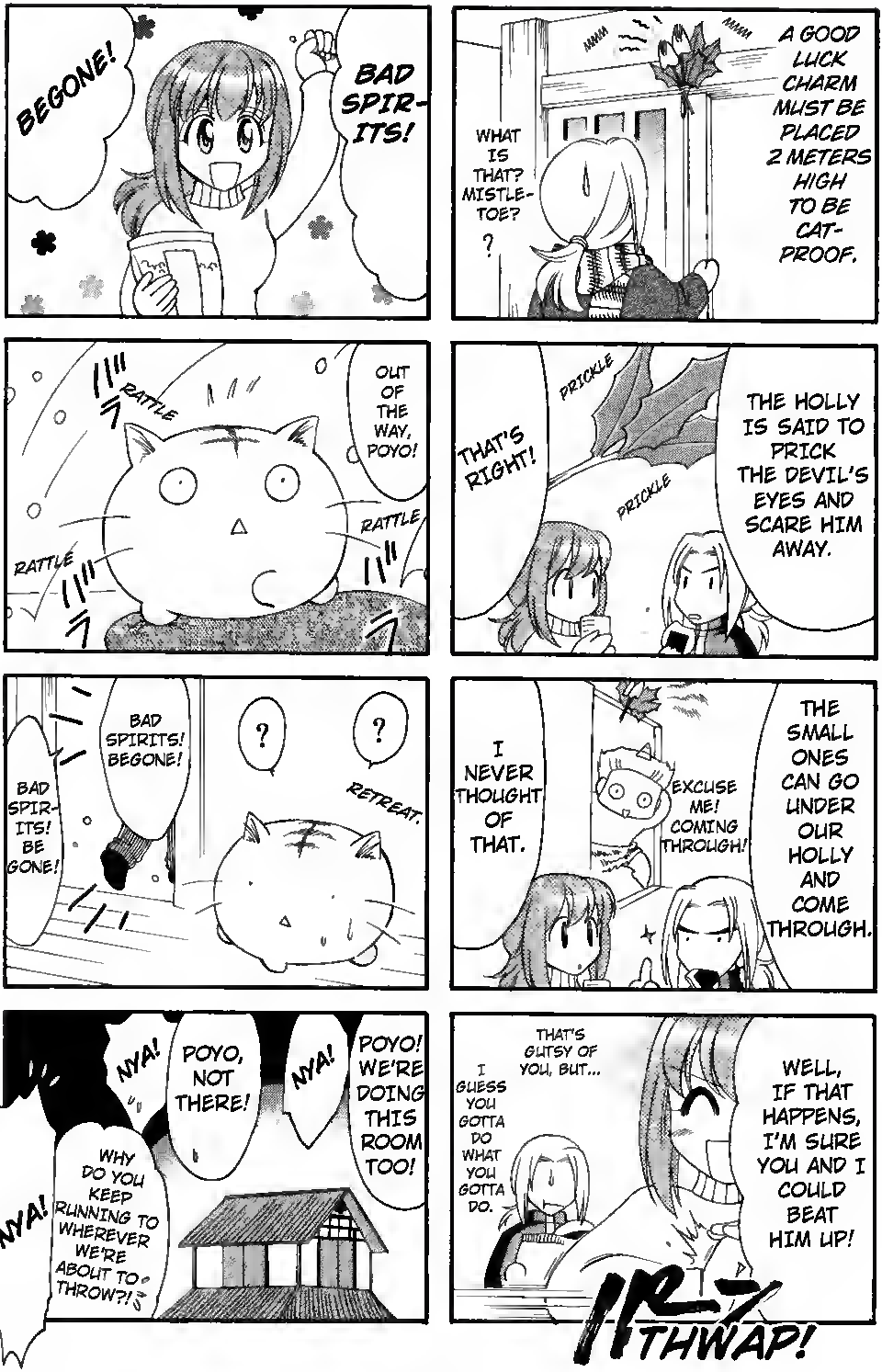
AN ACTIVE DUO WHO
LIVE FOR LOVE AND FOOD.

THE NEXT DOOR GRANNY & KUROBEI

A PAIR WHO TAKE LIFE DAY BY DAY.

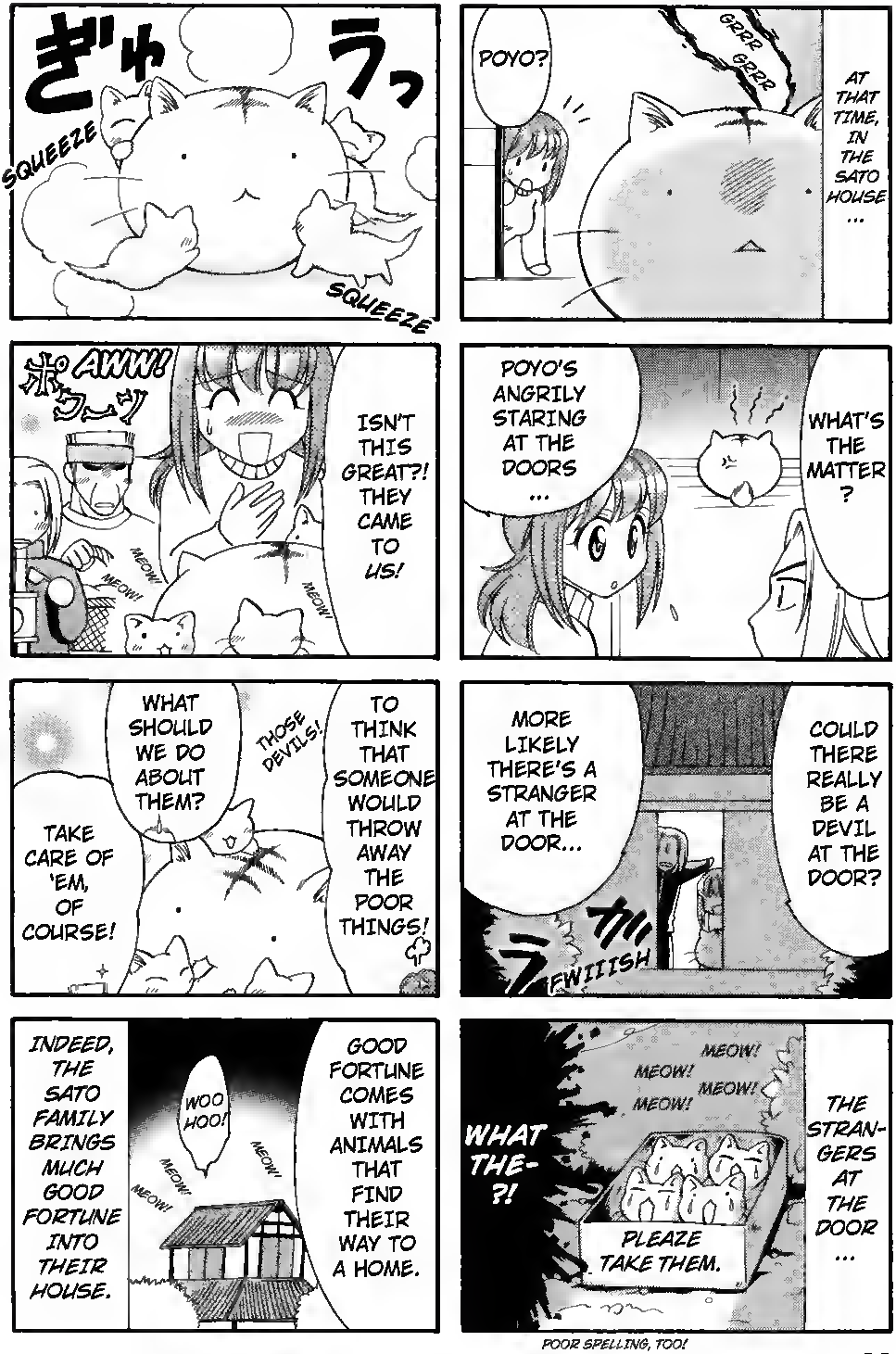
PURR
PURR
RUB
RUB
THEY'LL DO IT WHEN THEY WANT ATTENTION.
IT'S A HABIT SOME CATS STILL HAVE FROM WHEN THEY WERE BREASTFED AS KITTENS.
PURR
PURR
PURR
PURR
RUB
RUB
PURR
NOT NECESSARILY.
PURR
PURR
SO DON'T THEY USUALLY GO TO THEIR OWNERS FOR ATTENTION?
SIS, WHAT IS GOING ON OVER THERE?
KURO
IS BEING GROSS
PURR
PURR
RUB
RUB
RUB
THAT MAKES SENSE!
PURR
PURR
PURR
SOME CATS WILL DO IT TO THEIR FAVORITE THING, SAY, A TOWEL OR A PILLOW.
POYOPOYO'S OBSERVATION DIARY

HOLLY
SARDINE HEADS
TODAY MARKS THE COMING OF SPRING.
A CAT THAT'S AS ROUND AND SWEET AS MILK CANDY.
THIS IS POYO SATO.
NOT THIS ONE, KUROBEI SWEETIE.
THIS IS A GOOD LUCK CHARM SO YOU CAN'T EAT IT!
MEOW MEOW MEOW!
YOU'RE NOT GETTING IT! ♡
MEOW!
THE CAT IS TREATING THE OWNER LIKE HER CHILD.
WHEN A CAT SHOWS THE OWNER HER CATCH,
SNATCH!
NO THANK YOU, MOTHER!
DASH!
IT'S A MOTHER'S WAY OF TEACHING HER BABY HOW TO HUNT.
THE CAT'S A "HE," THOUGH.

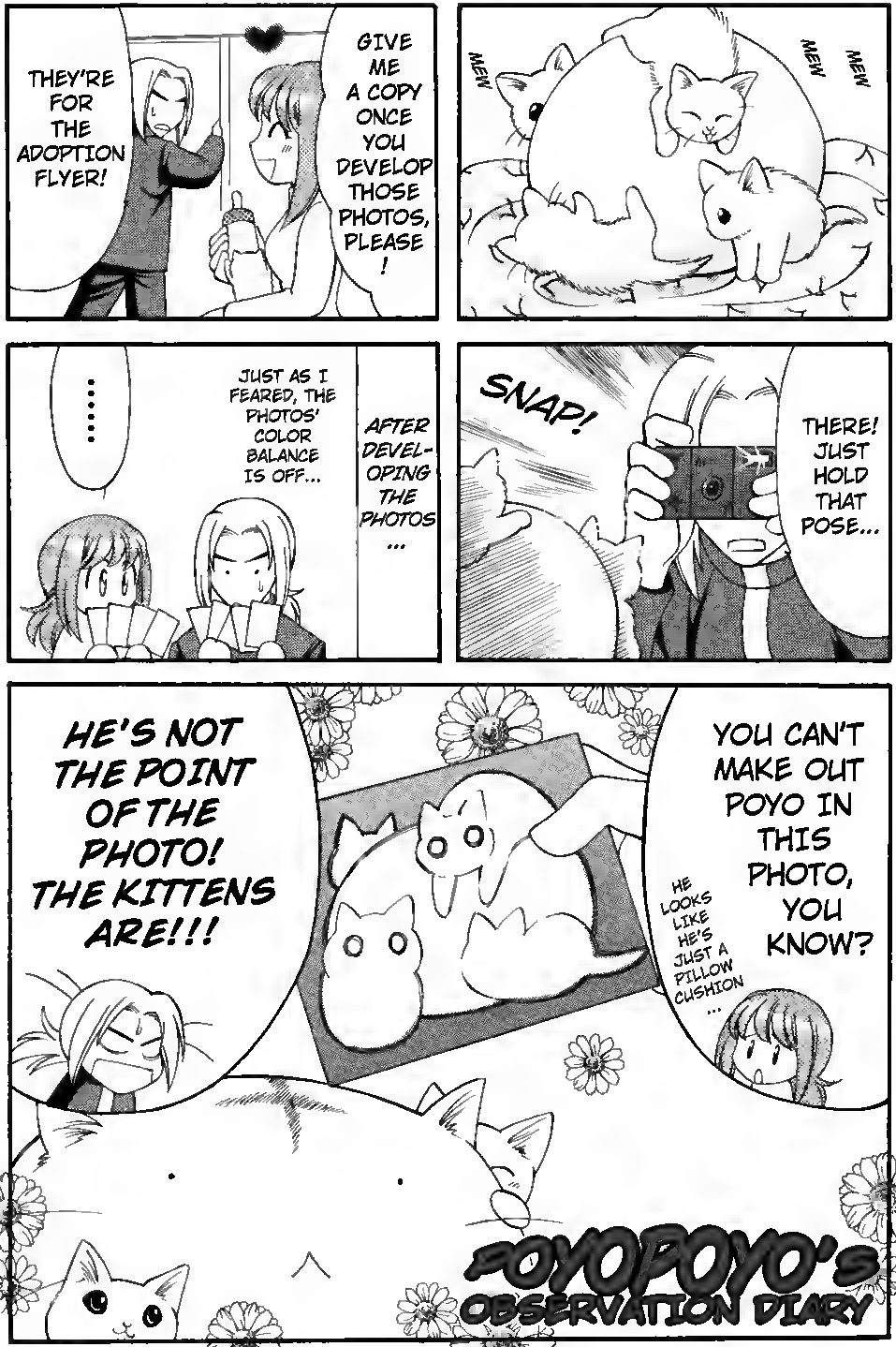

BEGONE!
BAD SPIR-ITS!
WHAT IS THAT? MISTLE-TOE?
?
A GOOD LUCK CHARM MUST BE PLACED 2 METERS HIGH TO BE CAT-PROOF.
RATTLE
RATTLE
RATTLE
OUT OF THE WAY, POYO!
PRICKLE
PRICKLE
THAT'S RIGHT!
THE HOLLY IS SAID TO PRICK THE DEVIL'S EYES AND SCARE HIM AWAY.
BAD SPIR-ITS! BE GONE!
BAD SPIRITS! BEGONE!
?
?
RETREAT.
I NEVER THOUGHT OF THAT.
EXCUSE ME! COMING THROUGH!
THE SMALL ONES CAN GO UNDER OUR HOLLY AND COME THROUGH.
NYA!
POYO, NOT THERE!
NYA!
POYO! WE'RE DOING THIS ROOM TOO!
NYA!
WHY DO YOU KEEP RUNNING TO WHEREVER WE'RE ABOUT TO THROW?!
I GUESS YOU GOTTA DO WHAT YOU GOTTA DO.
THAT'S GUTSY OF YOU, BUT...
WELL, IF THAT HAPPENS, I'M SURE YOU AND I COULD BEAT HIM UP!
THWAP!

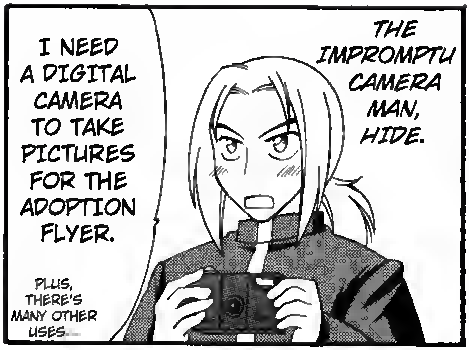
CHIME!
CHIME!
AFTER TAKING A NUMBER OF BEANS,
FROM: MAKI
THE DOG FROM HELL!
ボ—CRUNCH—リ
ボ—CRUNCH—リ
ONE EATS THEM,
LOOK AT HIS RED EYES!
HUFF! PUFF! HUFF! PUFF!
ほっ ほっ ほっ ほっ
AMINO ACIDS
AMINO ACIDS
AND THEN IMMEDIATELY DOES RIGOROUS TRAINING.
FRIGHTENING...
HE ATE ALL OUR BEANS. *SNIFF*
WHAT?!
UHH... WE NEVER DO THAT.

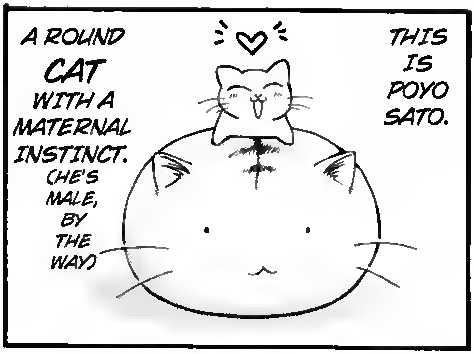
IF I HAVE TO WARD OFF BAD SPIRITS, THEN YOU'RE ALL THE GOOD LUCK I NEED, KURO!
CUDDLE CUDDLE
I NO LONGER DO THE BEAN TOSSING RITUAL IN SPRING.
BLIP
"YOU HAVE 1 TEXT MESSAGE"
CHIME!
FURR RAISE...
FROM: SUZUKI
THIS IS WHAT YOU GET WHEN YOU PUT A BAG OF BEANS IN WITH MY HAM-STER!
NO BAD SPIRITS THIS YEAR... NO BAD SPIRITS THIS YEAR...
ALTHOUGH, EVEN WITH A GOOD LUCK CHARM, THERE ARE CREEPY MOMENTS...
GRR GRR GRR GRR GRR GRR
WOW! WHAT'S THAT?! SO CUTE!
SIGH. I CAN'T GET AWAY FROM ALL THESE PET FANATICS, CAN I?

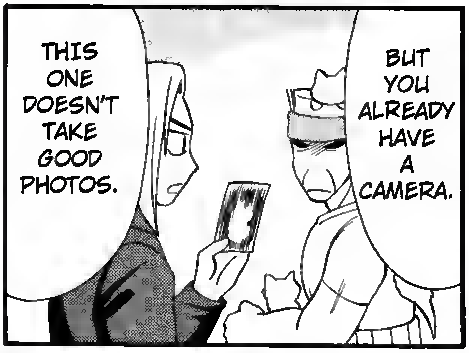


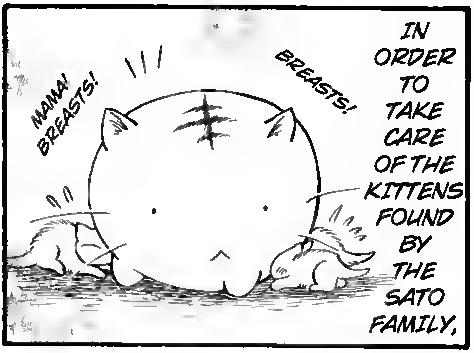
POOR SPELLING, TOO!


THEY'RE FOR THE ADOPTION FLYER!
GIVE ME A COPY ONCE YOU DEVELOP THOSE PHOTOS, PLEASE!
MEW
MEW
MEW
AFTER DEVELOPING THE PHOTOS...
JUST AS I FEARED, THE PHOTOS' COLOR BALANCE IS OFF...
.....
SNAP!
THERE! JUST HOLD THAT POSE...
HE'S NOT THE POINT OF THE PHOTO! THE KITTENS ARE!!!
YOU CAN'T MAKE OUT POYO IN THIS PHOTO, YOU KNOW?
HE LOOKS LIKE HE'S JUST A PILLOW CUSHION...
POYOPOYO'S OBSERVATION DIARY

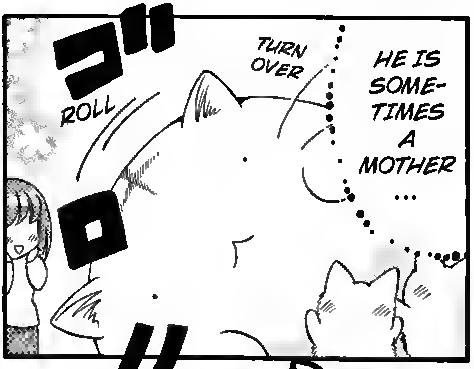

I NEED A DIGITAL CAMERA TO TAKE PICTURES FOR THE ADOPTION FLYER.
PLUS, THERE'S MANY OTHER USES.
THE IMPROMPTU CAMERA MAN, HIDE.

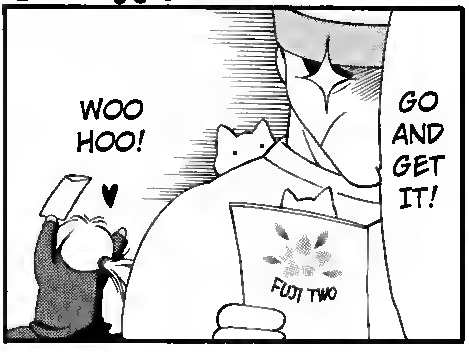

A ROUND CAT WITH A MATERNAL INSTINCT. (HE'S MALE, BY THE WAY)
THIS IS POYO SATO.

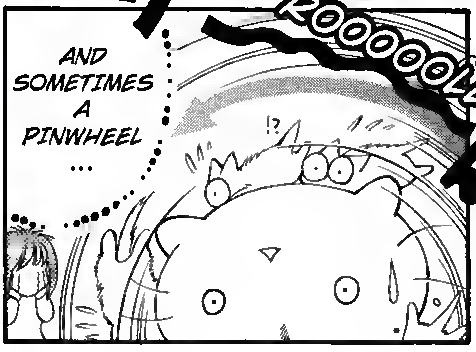

THIS ONE DOESN'T TAKE GOOD PHOTOS.
BUT YOU ALREADY HAVE A CAMERA.

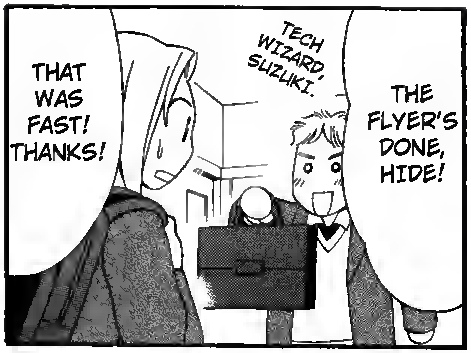

MAMA! BREASTS!
BREASTS!
IN ORDER TO TAKE CARE OF THE KITTENS FOUND BY THE SATO FAMILY,

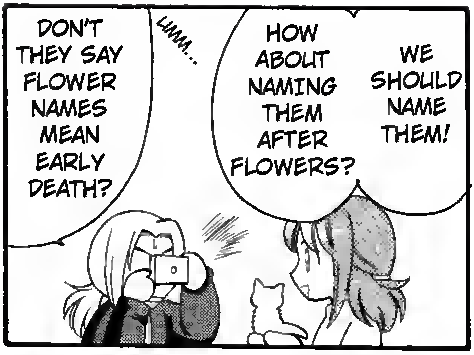
CAN TAKE PICTURES THAT LOOK LIKE THIS!
BUT A DIG-ITAL CAM ERA ...
TECH FLYER
TA-DAH!

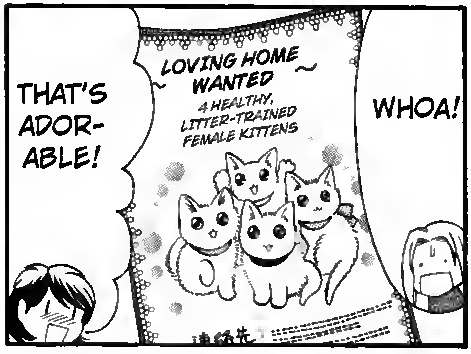

ROLL
TURN OVER
HE IS SOME-TIMES A MOTHER ...

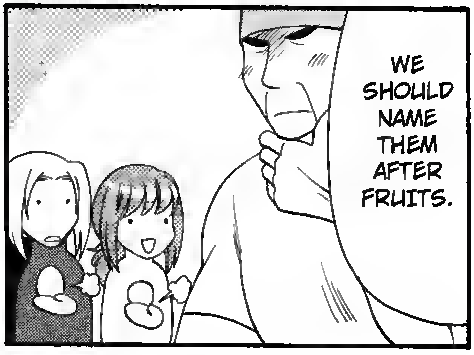

WOO HOO!
GO AND GET IT!
FUJI TWO

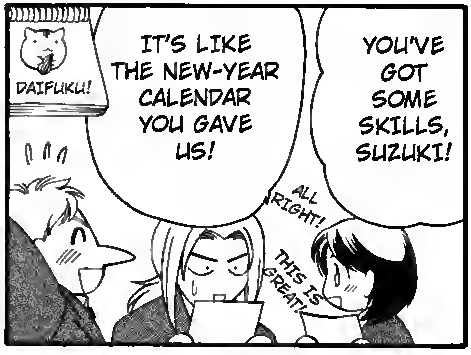

AND SOMETIMES A PINWHEEL ...
ROOOOOLL

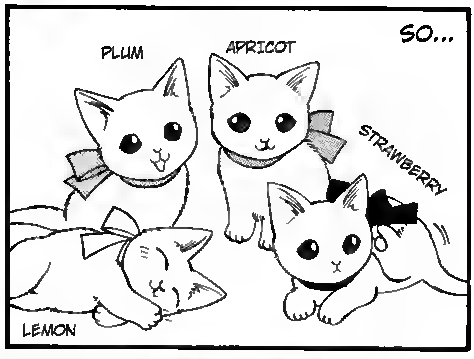

THAT WAS FAST! THANKS!
TECH WIZARD, SUZUKI.
THE FLYER'S DONE, HIDE!

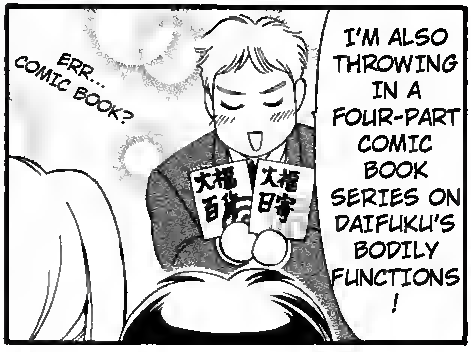

DON'T THEY SAY FLOWER NAMES MEAN EARLY DEATH?
UMM...
HOW ABOUT NAMING THEM AFTER FLOWERS?
WE SHOULD NAME THEM!

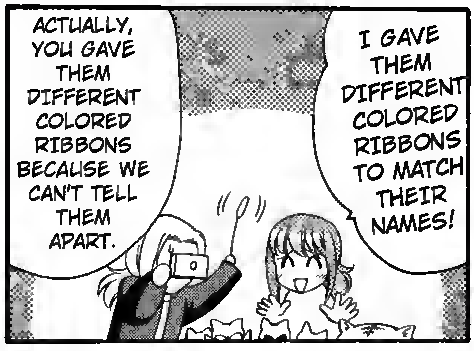

THAT'S ADOR-ABLE!
LOVING HOME WANTED
4 HEALTHY, LITTER-TRAINED FEMALE KITTENS
WHOA!

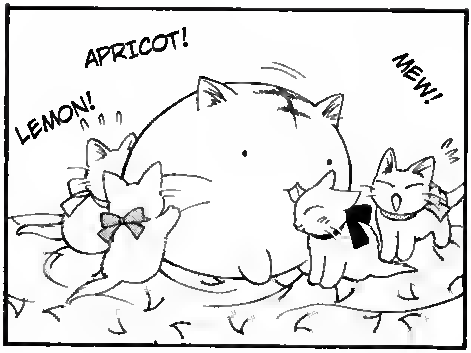

WE SHOULD NAME THEM AFTER FRUITS.

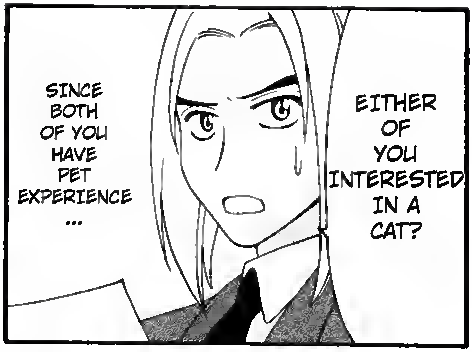

DAIFUKU!
IT'S LIKE THE NEW-YEAR CALENDAR YOU GAVE US!
YOU'VE GOT SOME SKILLS, SUZUKI!
ALL RIGHT!
THIS IS GREAT!

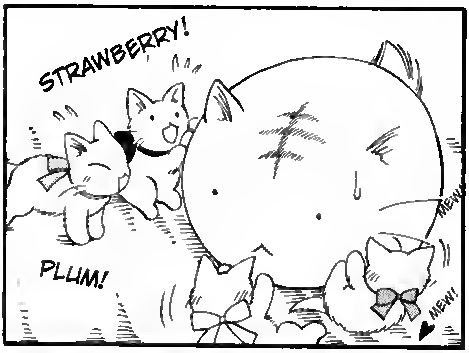

SO...
PLUM
APRICOT
STRAWBERRY
LEMON


ERR... COMIC BOOK?
I'M ALSO THROWING IN A FOUR-PART COMIC BOOK SERIES ON DAIFUKU'S BODILY FUNCTIONS!

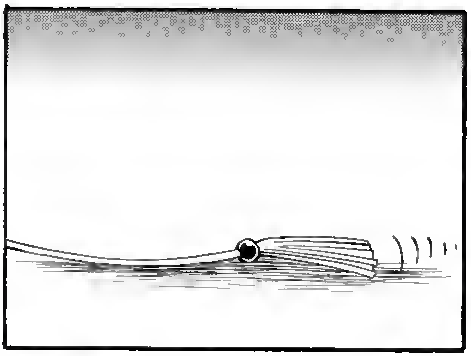

ACTUALLY, YOU GAVE THEM DIFFERENT COLORED RIBBONS BECAUSE WE CAN'T TELL THEM APART.
I GAVE THEM DIFFERENT COLORED RIBBONS TO MATCH THEIR NAMES!


APRICOT!
LEMON!
MEW!

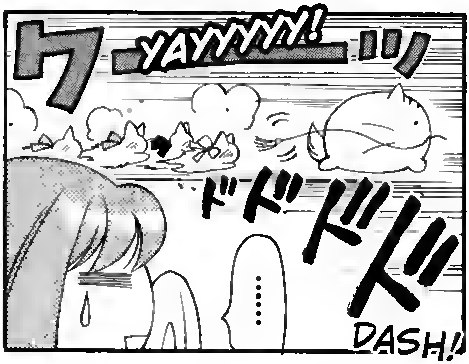

SINCE BOTH OF YOU HAVE PET EXPERIENCE ...
EITHER OF YOU INTERESTED IN A CAT?


STRAWBERRY!
PLUM!
MEW!
MEW!

ALONE WITH MY HAMSTER?
A CAT?
?
?



ALONE WITH MY DOG?
A CAT?


ワ-YAYYYY!!!
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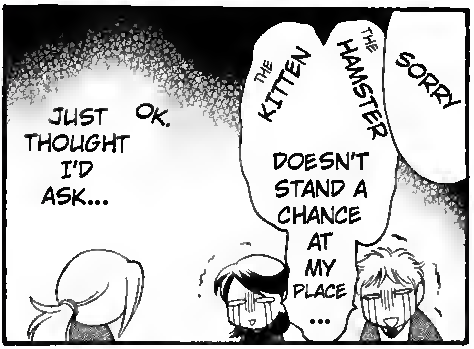
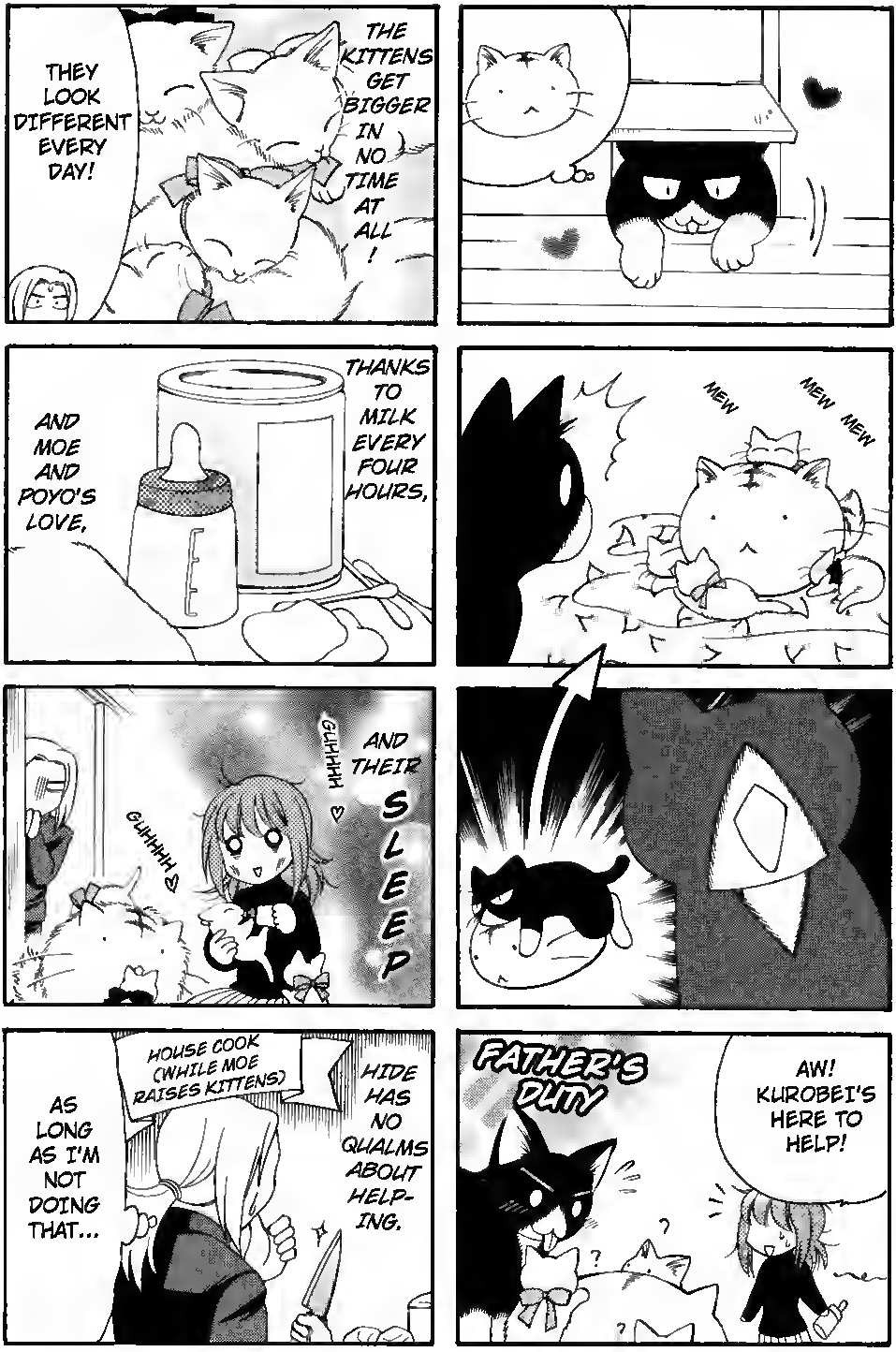
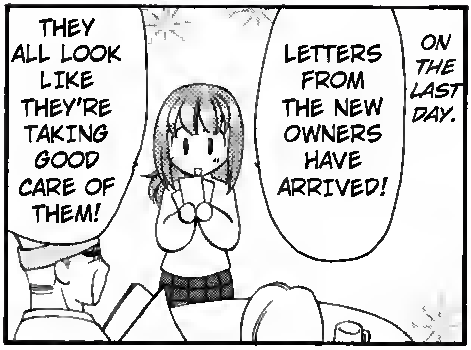
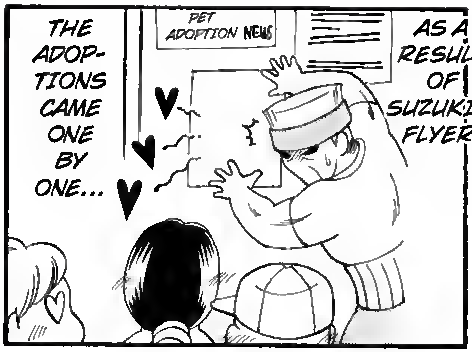
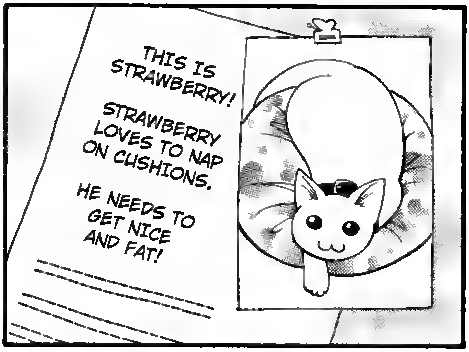
DASH!

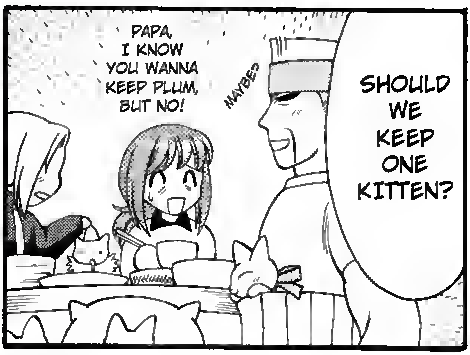

SORRY
THE HAMSTER
THE KITTEN
DOESN'T STAND A CHANCE AT MY PLACE ...
OK. JUST THOUGHT I'D ASK...

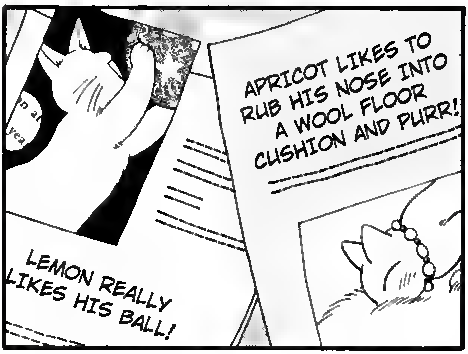

THEY LOOK DIFFERENT EVERY DAY!
THE KITTENS GET BIGGER IN NO TIME AT ALL!
AND MOE AND POYO'S LOVE,
THANKS TO MILK EVERY FOUR HOURS,
MEW
MEW MEW
GUHHHH
GUHHHH
AND THEIR SLEEP
AS LONG AS I'M NOT DOING THAT...
HOUSE COOK (WHILE MOE RAISES KITTENS)
HIDE HAS NO QUALMS ABOUT HELPING.
FATHER'S DUTY
AW! KUROBEI'S HERE TO HELP!

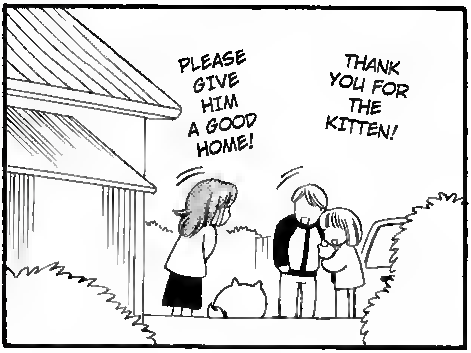

THEY ALL LOOK LIKE THEY'RE TAKING GOOD CARE OF THEM!
LETTERS FROM THE NEW OWNERS HAVE ARRIVED!
ON THE LAST DAY.

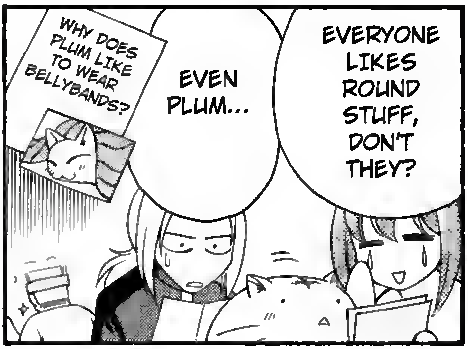

THE ADOPTIONS CAME ONE BY ONE...
PET ADOPTION NEWS
AS A RESULT OF SUZUKI'S FLYER,

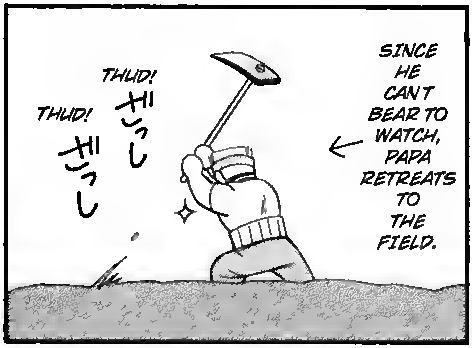

THIS IS STRAWBERRY!
STRAWBERRY LOVES TO NAP ON CUSHIONS.
HE NEEDS TO GET NICE AND FAT!


PAPA, I KNOW YOU WANNA KEEP PLUM, BUT NO!
MAYBE?
SHOULD WE KEEP ONE KITTEN?


APRICOT LIKES TO RUB HIS NOSE INTO A WOOL FLOOR CUSHION AND PURR!
LEMON REALLY LIKES HIS BALL!


PLEASE GIVE HIM A GOOD HOME!
THANK YOU FOR THE KITTEN!


WHY DOES PLUM LIKE TO WEAR BELLYBANDS?
EVEN PLUM...
EVERYONE LIKES ROUND STUFF, DON'T THEY?


THUD!
THUD!
SINCE HE CAN'T BEAR TO WATCH, PAPA RETREATS TO THE FIELD.

WOW! A CAT!
LOOK! IT'S A CAT SNOWMAN!
STUPID! THAT'S JUST IN PICTURE BOOKS!
I HEARD THAT SNOWMEN MOVE WHEN AT NIGHT!
SHUFFLE
SHUFFLE
SHUFFLE
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POYOPOYO'S OBSERVATION DIARY

WORK HARD!
SNOW
A CAT THAT DEFIES IMAGINA-TION!
THIS IS POYO SATO.
SLEEP HARD!
HOT COCOA?
ZZZZZ
HM!
KUROBEI'S TRACKS
I SEE NOW!
IT REALLY IS IMPORTANT TO BALANCE YOUR LIFE!
HE HAS BEEN ROUND-ER BEFORE ...
IT'S LIKE HE'S MELTING
WHEN IT COMES TO POYO, THOUGH, THERE IS NO BALANCE ...
HOT CARPET
LOVE ♥
IT'S LIKE A HIPPO WADING THROUGH A MARSH ...
STOMACH FLOW
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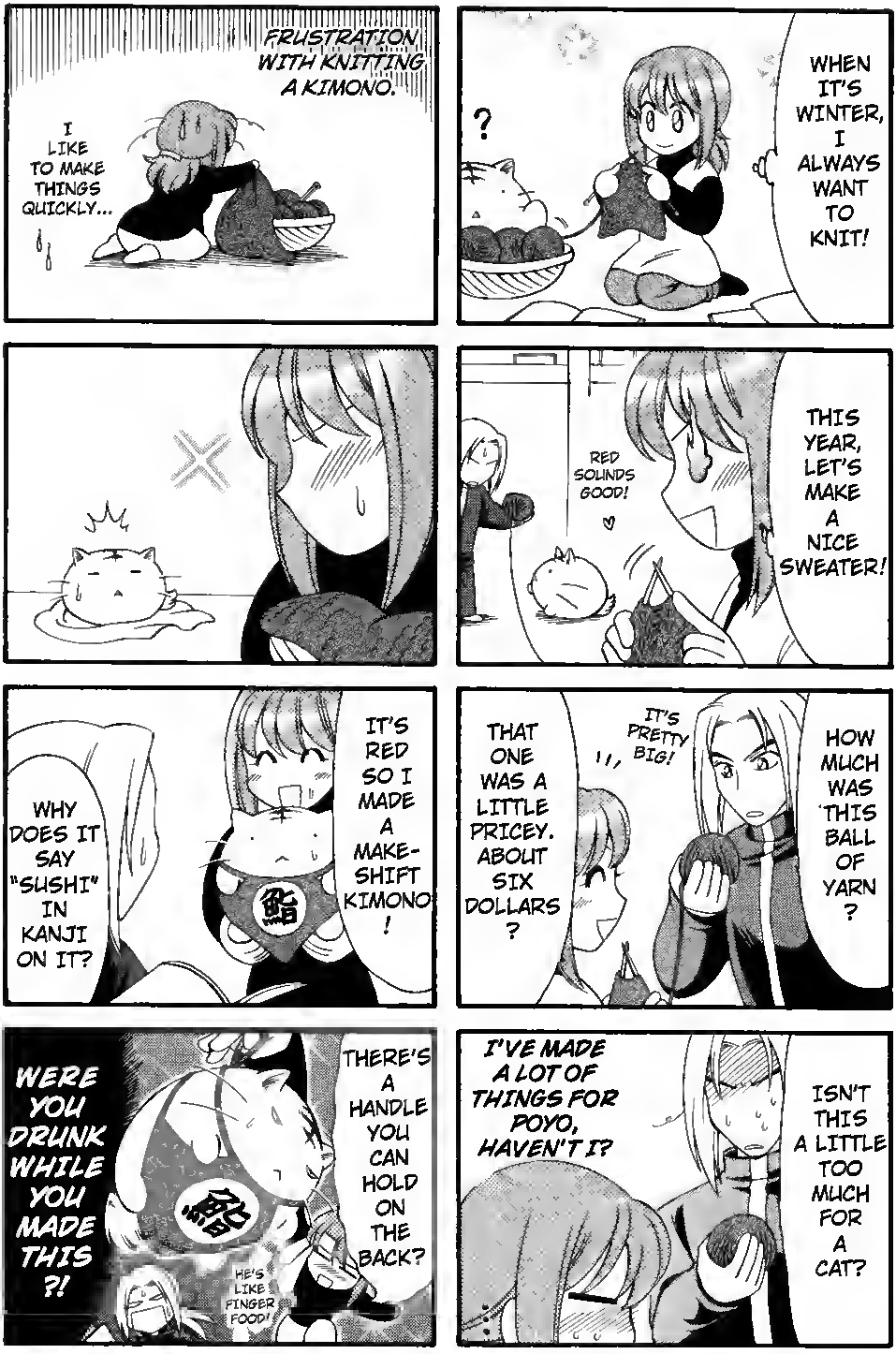
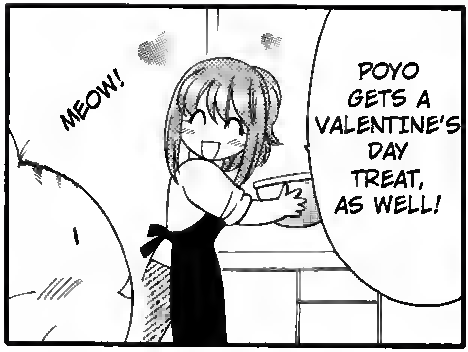
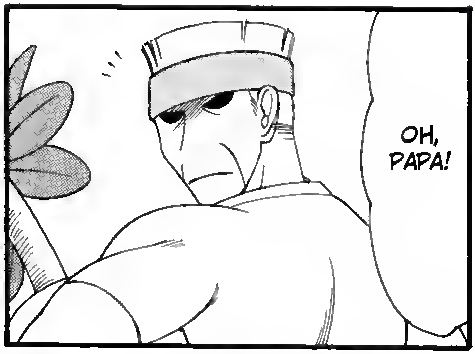
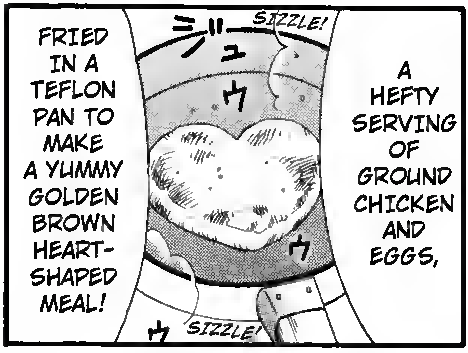
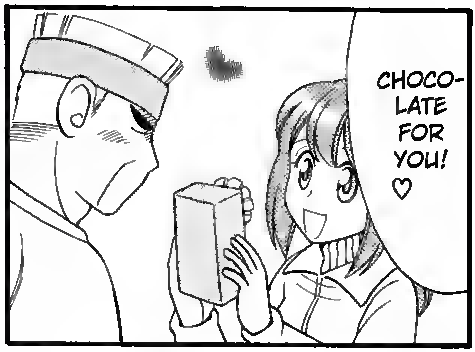
SHUFFLE♪
DEFIES IMAGINATION!

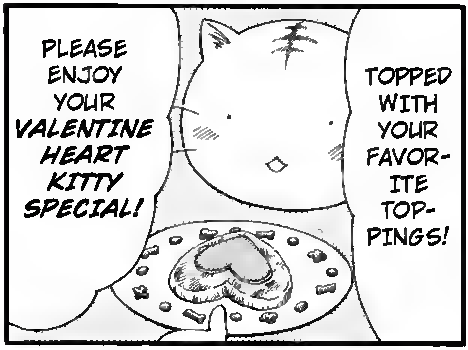

FRUSTRATION WITH KNITTING A KIMONO.
I LIKE TO MAKE THINGS QUICKLY...
?
WHEN IT'S WINTER, I ALWAYS WANT TO KNIT!
RED SOUNDS GOOD!
THIS YEAR, LET'S MAKE A NICE SWEATER!
WHY DOES IT SAY "SUSHI" IN KANJI ON IT?
IT'S RED SO I MADE A MAKE-SHIFT KIMONO!
THAT ONE WAS A LITTLE PRICEY. ABOUT SIX DOLLARS?
IT'S PRETTY BIG!
HOW MUCH WAS THIS BALL OF YARN?
WERE YOU DRUNK WHILE YOU MADE THIS?!
THERE'S A HANDLE YOU CAN HOLD ON THE BACK?
HE'S LIKE FINGER FOOD!
I'VE MADE A LOT OF THINGS FOR POYO, HAVEN'T I?
ISN'T THIS A LITTLE TOO MUCH FOR A CAT?

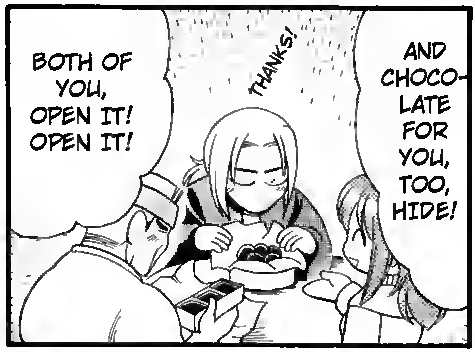

MEOW!
POYO GETS A VALENTINE'S DAY TREAT, AS WELL!

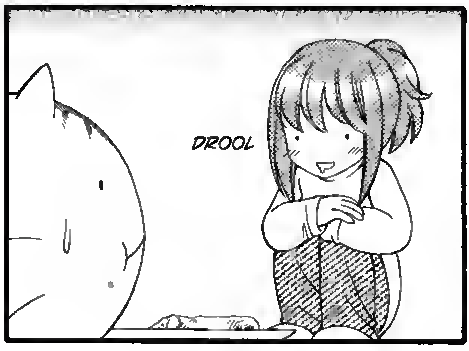

OH, PAPA!


FRIED IN A TEFLON PAN TO MAKE A YUMMY GOLDEN BROWN HEART-SHAPED MEAL!
SIZZLE!
SIZZLE!
A HEFTY SERVING OF GROUND CHICKEN AND EGGS,

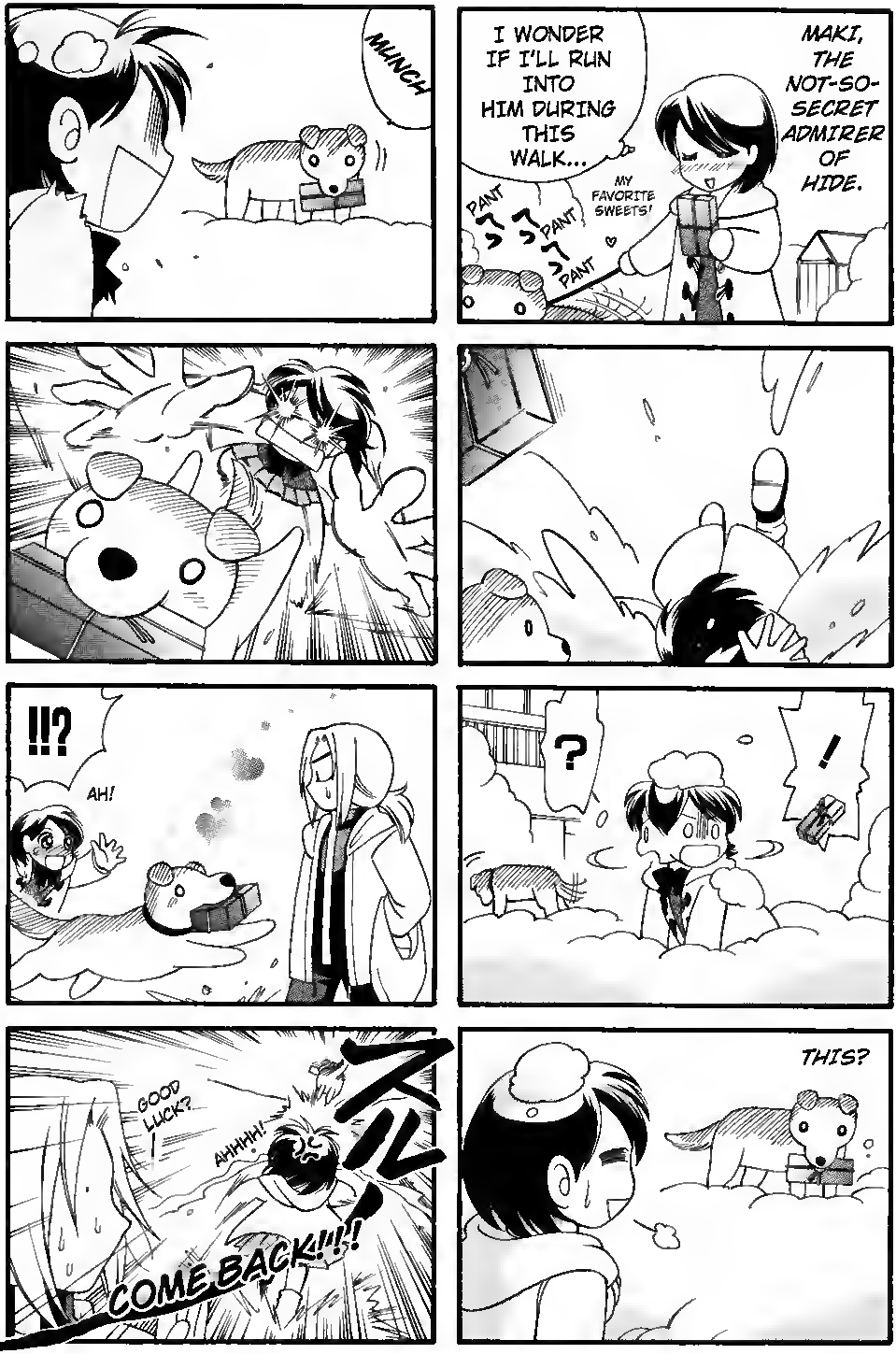

CHOCO-LATE FOR YOU! ♡


PLEASE ENJOY YOUR VALENTINE HEART KITTY SPECIAL!
TOPPED WITH YOUR FAVOR-ITE TOP-PINGS!


BOTH OF YOU, OPEN IT! OPEN IT!
THANKS!
AND CHOCO-LATE FOR YOU, TOO, HIDE!


DROOL

SIS, WHO WILL ONLY BUY CHOCOLATES SHE WILL WANT TO EAT.
CHOCOLATE SAMPLING
IT'S DELI-CIOUS, ISN'T IT?!
THAT'S ENOUGH.


MUNCH
I WONDER IF I'LL RUN INTO HIM DURING THIS WALK...
MAKI, THE NOT-SO-SECRET ADMIRER OF HIDE.
PANT
PANT
PANT
MY FAVORITE SWEETS!
!!?
AH!
?
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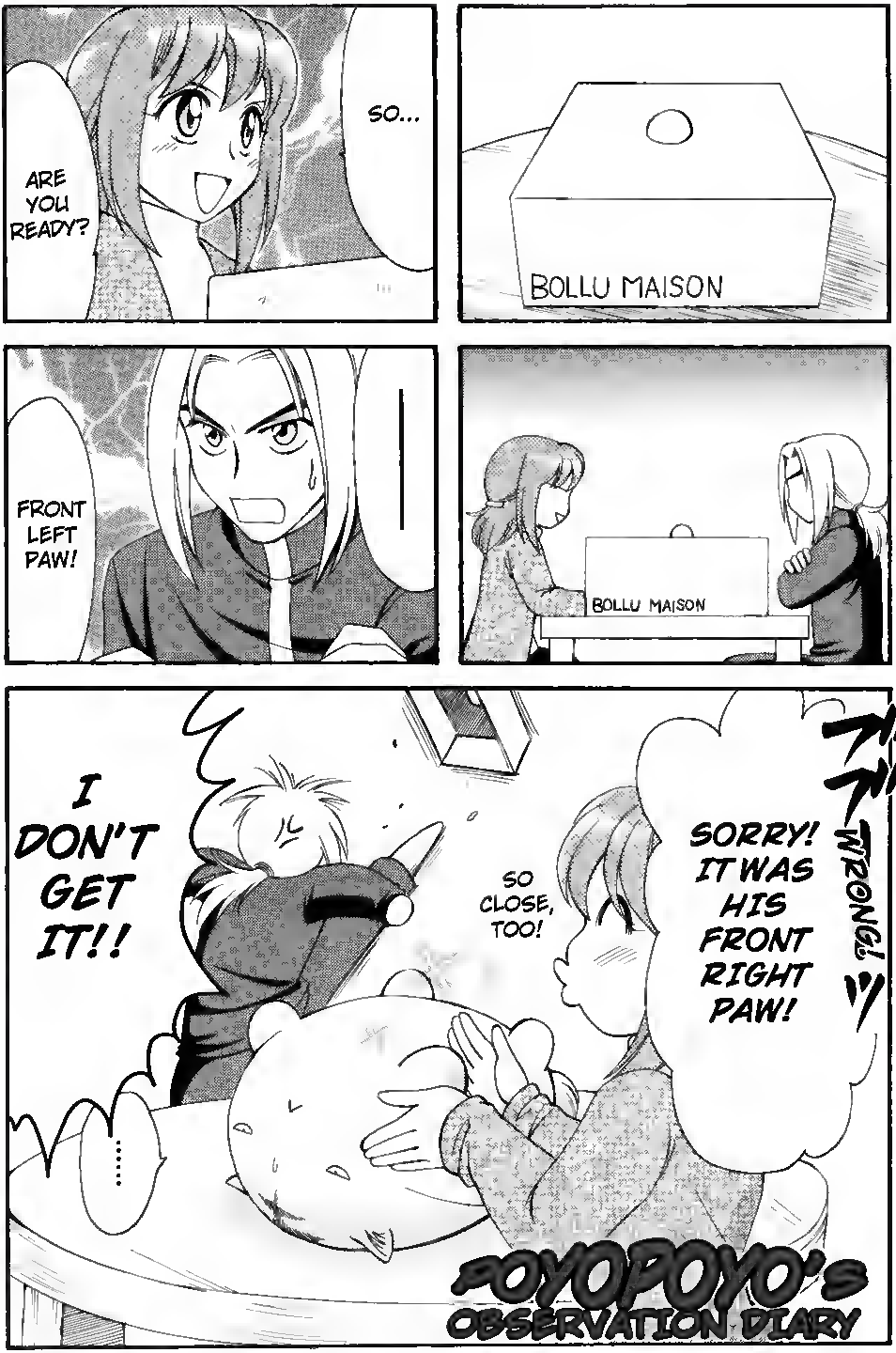
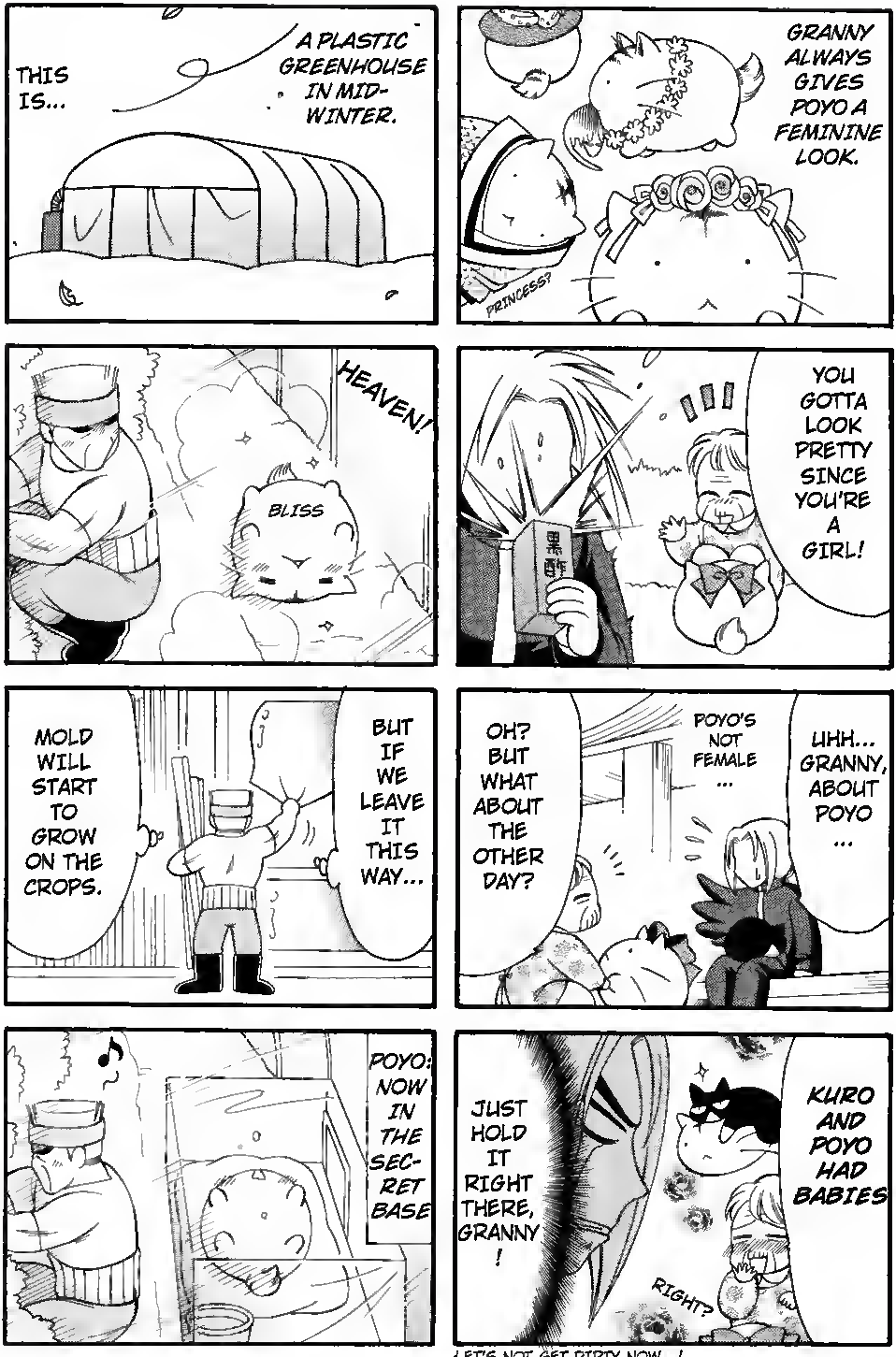
THIS?
GOOD LUCK?
AHHHH!
COME BACK!!?!


SO...
ARE YOU READY?
BOLLU MAISON
FRONT LEFT PAW!
BOLLU MAISON
I DON'T GET IT!!
SO CLOSE, TOO!
SORRY! IT WAS HIS FRONT RIGHT PAW!
ブブー WRONG!
POYOPOYO'S OBSERVATION DIARY

I ALWAYS LACK EXERCISE IN WINTER!
I SHOULD GO TO THE GYM!
THIS IS POYO SATO.
A CAT WITH MARSH-MALLOW LEGS
WIGGLY
MUSCLE TRAIN-ING!
GRUNT!
GRUNT!!
HEAVY WEIGHTS!
$1 PLEASE!
DARN IT!
PAWS?! YOU CAN BARELY SEE WHERE THE PAW BEGINS!
CAN'T YOU TELL WHICH PAW IT IS BY LOOKING AT THE CLAWS?
KUNG FU EXER-CISE
DASH!
DASH!
HO HO HO
THE ONLY ONE WHO KNOWS ALL ABOUT POYO IS MEEE!
THE PAWS LOOK LIKE CHUNKS OF CLAY SOMEONE JUST SLAPPED ON!
MOE: FUTURE GYM TRAIN-ER
WON'T YOU JOIN OUR MEET?!
WAIL!
JUST AMAZ-ING!
POINT-ED TIP
WIDE AT THE BOT-TOM
PAUSE
WAIT! THEY LOOK LIKE "CHOCO-LATE KISSES"!
YOU'RE RIGHT!

WHAT ARE THEY TALKING ABOUT?
FRIENDS
POSITIONS READY...
IN THE WINTER, EVEN CATS NEED EXERCISE.
OHHH! IT'S POYO!
HAVE YOU COME TO PLAY?!
MEOW!
DASH!
DON!
KURO, YOU'LL GET YOURS LATER!
OKAY!
I WAS THINKING ABOUT GIVING THIS TO YOU!
BOUNCE!
BOUNCE!
BOUNCE!
BOUNCE!
BOUNCE!
IT'S A LITTLE FEMI-NINE FOR HIM...
WOWW! THAT'S SO CUTE!
LOOKS LIKE MARIE ANTOINETTE
BACK ARCHED
HA HA
AW! YOU HAD SOME EXERCISE, TOO, POYO?!


THIS IS...
A PLASTIC GREENHOUSE IN MID-WINTER.
GRANNY ALWAYS GIVES POYO A FEMININE LOOK.
PRINCESS?
HEAVEN!
BLISS
YOU GOTTA LOOK PRETTY SINCE YOU'RE A GIRL!
MOLD WILL START TO GROW ON THE CROPS.
BUT IF WE LEAVE IT THIS WAY...
OH? BUT WHAT ABOUT THE OTHER DAY?
POYO'S NOT FEMALE ...
UHH... GRANNY, ABOUT POYO ...
POYO: NOW IN THE SEC-RET BASE
JUST HOLD IT RIGHT THERE, GRANNY!
KURO AND POYO HAD BABIES
RIGHT?
LET'S NOT GET DIRTY NOW...!

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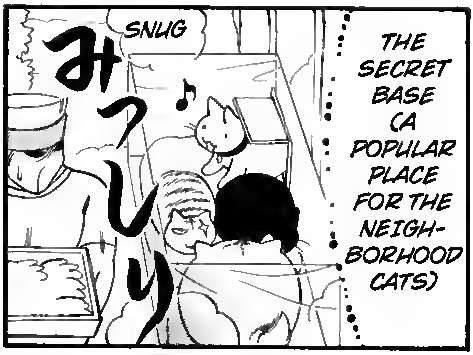
WHOOSH!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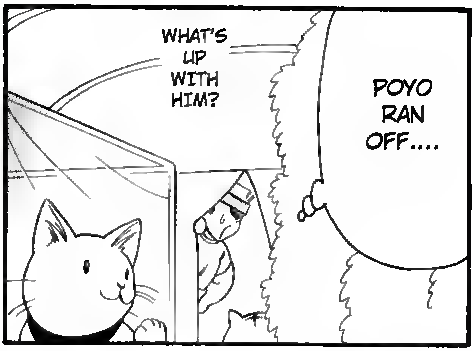
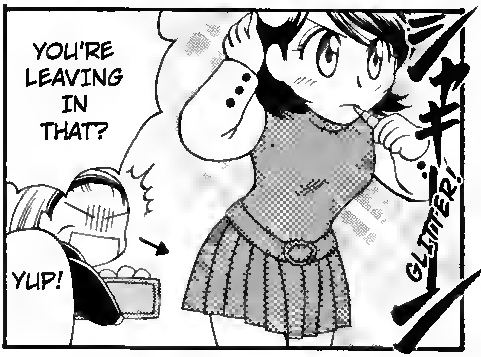
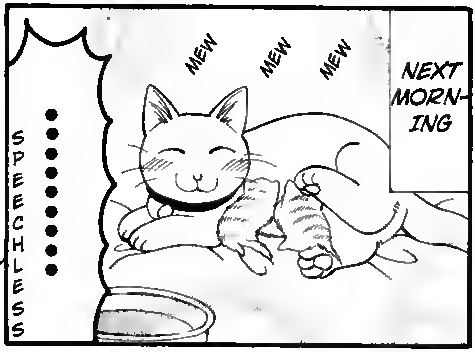
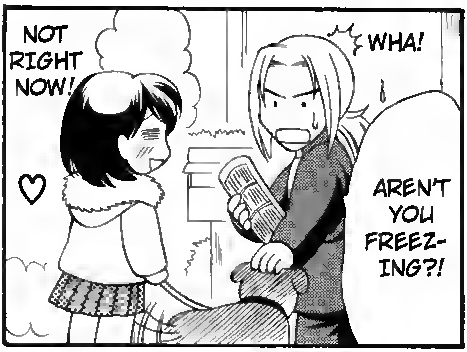
THE SECRET BASE (A POPULAR PLACE FOR THE NEIGH-BORHOOD CATS)

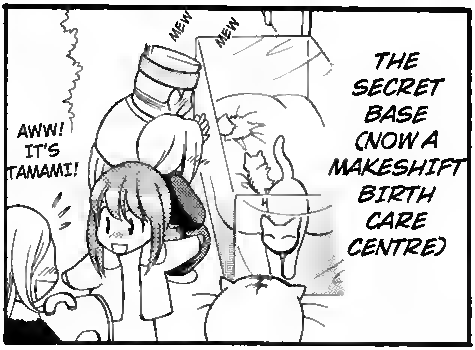
ALL RIGHTY!
TIME TO GO AND GIVE TSUKUDANI HIS MORNING WALK.

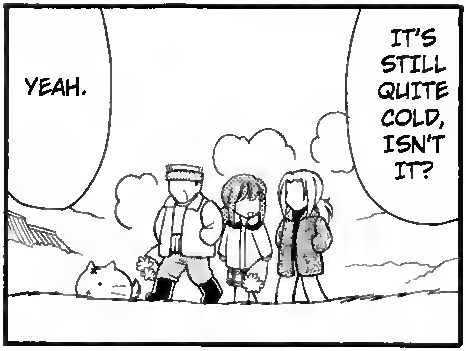

WHAT'S UP WITH HIM?
POYO RAN OFF....

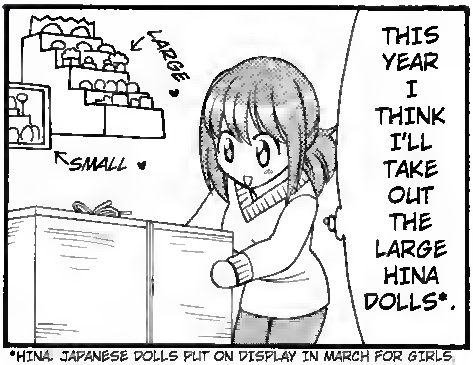

YOU'RE LEAVING IN THAT?
YUP!
GLITTER!


MEW
MEW
MEW
NEXT MORN-ING
SPEECHLESS

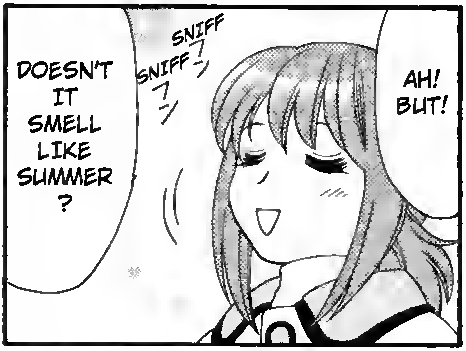

NOT RIGHT NOW!
WHA!
AREN'T YOU FREEZ-ING?!

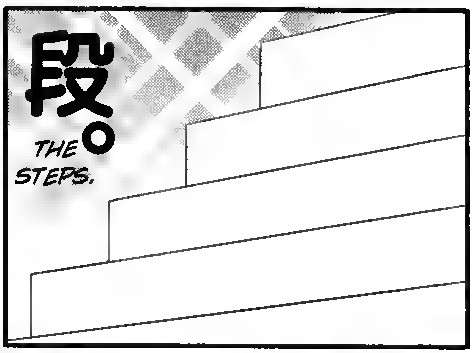

MEW
MEW
AWW! IT'S TAMAMI!
THE SECRET BASE (NOW A MAKESHIFT BIRTH CARE CENTRE)

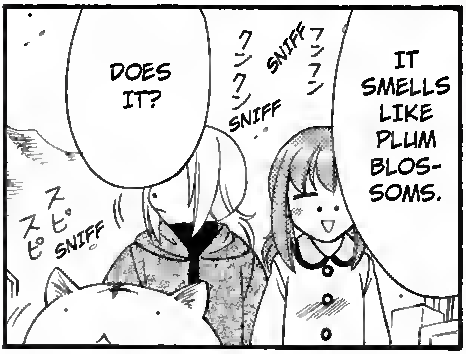


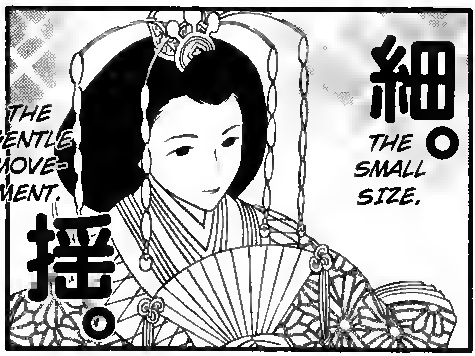


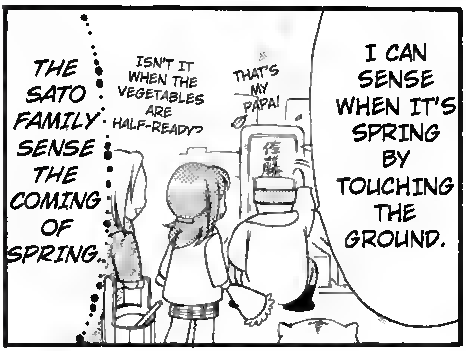
*HINA: JAPANESE DOLLS PUT ON DISPLAY IN MARCH FOR GIRLS.

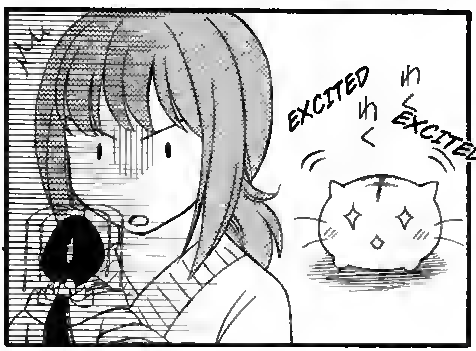




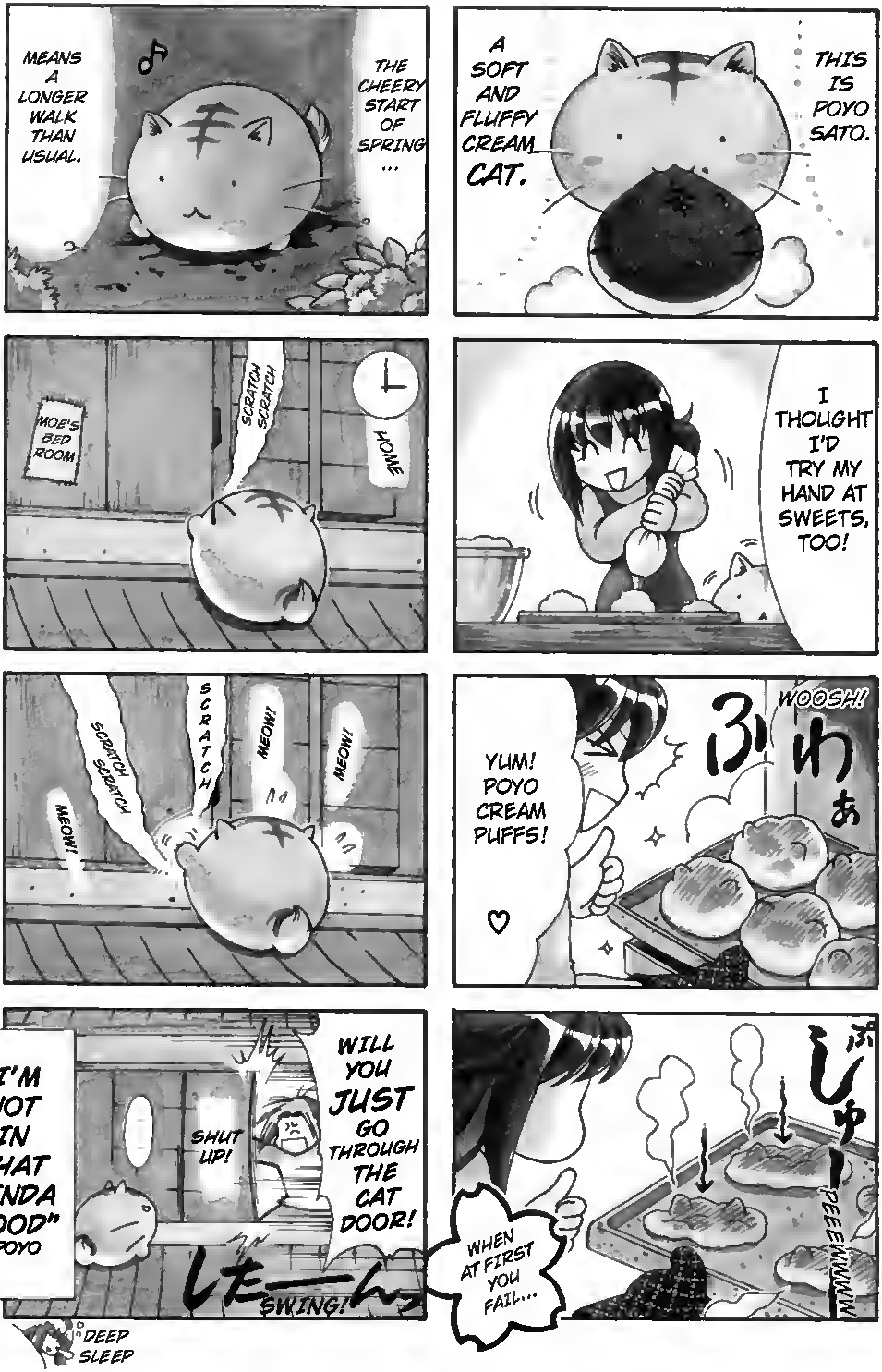





I CAN SENSE WHEN IT'S SPRING BY TOUCHING THE GROUND.
THAT'S MY PAPA!
ISN'T IT WHEN THE VEGETABLES ARE HALF-READY?
THE SATO FAMILY SENSE THE COMING OF SPRING..



YOU CAN HAVE THE ONE ON THE LEFT.
WOW! IT LOOKS SO TASTY!
WASH
WASH
.....
SIZZLE
RECENTLY, PANCAKES SEEM TO BE THE TREND FOR BREAKFAST.
PANCAKE MIX
SIS!
WHERE'D SHE GO?!
"FOR YOUR TROUBLES"
POYOPOYO'S OBSERVATION DIARY


MEANS A LONGER WALK THAN USUAL.
THE CHEERY START OF SPRING ...
A SOFT AND FLUFFY CREAM CAT.
THIS IS POYO SATO.
MOE'S BED ROOM
SCRATCH SCRATCH
HOME
I THOUGHT I'D TRY MY HAND AT SWEETS, TOO!
SCRATCH SCRATCH
SCRATCH
MEOW!
MEOW!
MEOW!
YUM! POYO CREAM PUFFS!
WOOSH!
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"I'M NOT IN THAT KINDA MOOD" -POYO
SHUT UP!
WILL YOU JUST GO THROUGH THE CAT DOOR!
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SWING!
DEEP SLEEP
WHEN AT FIRST YOU FAIL...
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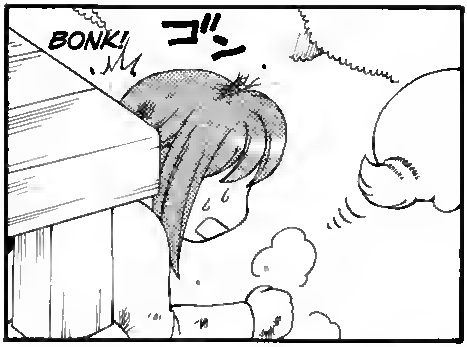
PEEEWWWW

PAPA IN SPRING.
EXHALE
INHALE
EXHALE
SHE'LL SLEEP THROUGH AN EARTHQUAKE...
SINCE MOE DOESN'T WAKE UP,
INHALE
EXHALE
HELL-
ACK?!
SCRATCH!
SCRATCH!
SCRATCH!
SCRATCH!
POYO GOES DIRECTLY TO HIDE'S ROOM.
NAW, HE'S OKAY WITH POLLEN.
BUT TODAY'S THE FIRST DAY OF SPRING, ISN'T IT?
I ACCIDENTALLY SCREAMED WHEN I SAW HIM.
DOES YOUR FATHER HAVE HAY FEVER?
SHE SAYS ALL THE TIME ...
OH. I DIDN'T KNOW...
DAZE DAZE
SINCE IT'S YOUR CAT, YOU WAKE UP!
THAT'S WHY HE LOOKS LIKE THE PRINCE OF ARABIA...
THE DUST IN THE FIELDS IS CRAZY ABOUT NOW.
EXACTLY...
SOON ENOUGH, HIDE WOULD BE BOTHERED AGAIN BY POYO'S FOOT-STEPS.
CREAK
CREAK
CREAK
WHISPER
YOU'RE LATE!
WEL-COME BACK, POYO.

HOW A USELESS BAG COMES INTO USE...
MARUETSU
HOW A USELESS BAG COMES INTO USE...
UNIQLO
SNIFF SNIFF
RUSTLE
RUSTLE
RUSTLE
GIVE MAMA THE NEWS-PAPER!
MOVE!
POYO!
NEEDS HELP...
RUSTLE
RUSTLE
PARAGLIDER!
WAHOOOO!
START OF SPRING
WHOOSH!
NO MATTER HOW STUBBORN HE IS, AS LONG AS YOU KNOW HIS WEAK SPOT.
ZOOOM!


BONK!
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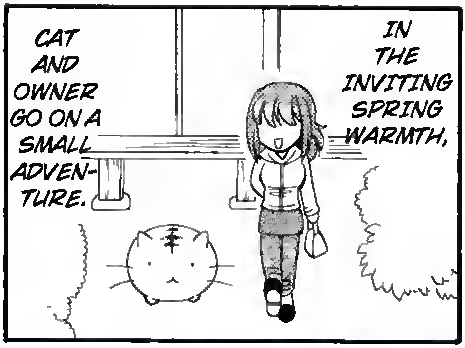
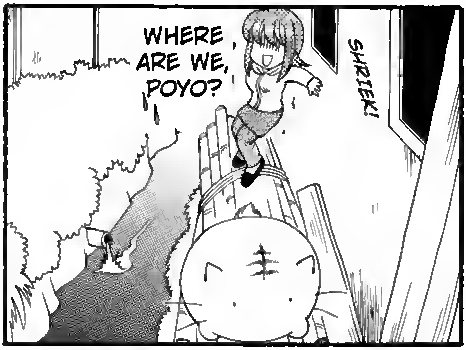
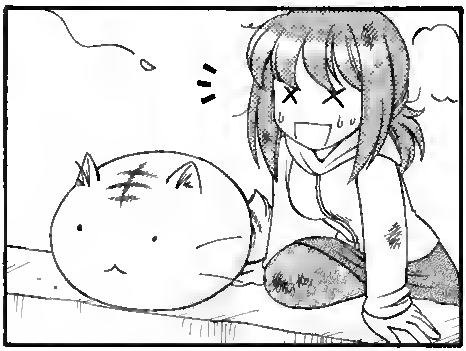
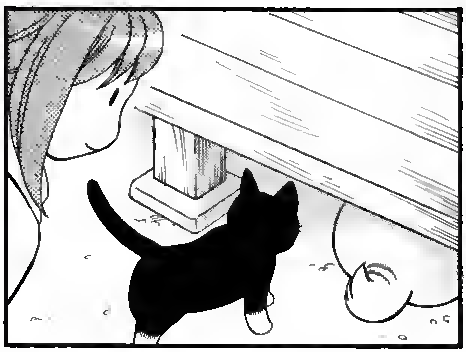
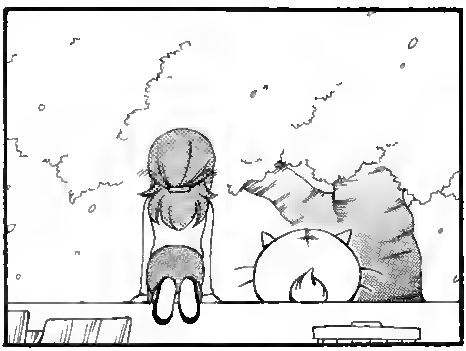

CAT AND OWNER GO ON A SMALL ADVEN-TURE.
IN THE INVITING SPRING WARMTH,

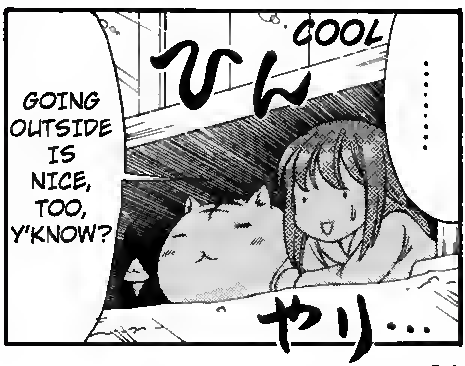

WHERE ARE WE, POYO?
SHRIEK!

OOH! A SECRET CAVE!








COOL
GOING OUTSIDE IS NICE, TOO, Y'KNOW?
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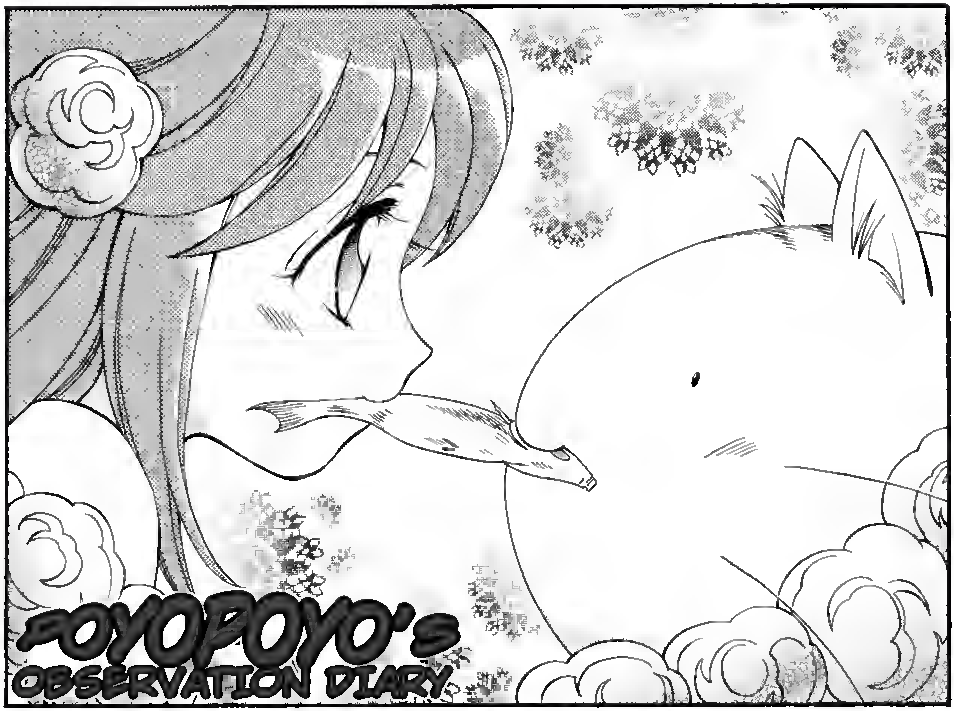
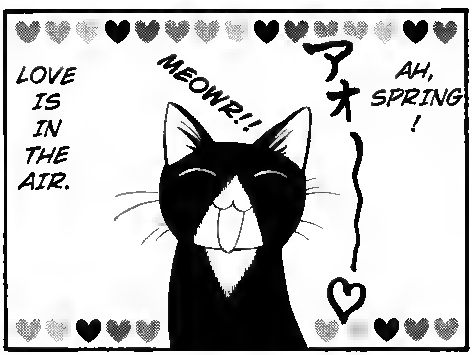

POYOPOYO'S
OBSERVATION DIARY

FLIP!


LOVE IS IN THE AIR.
MEOW?!!
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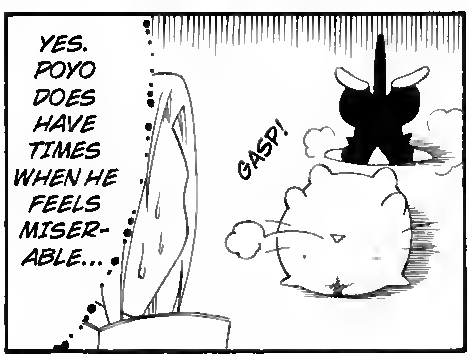
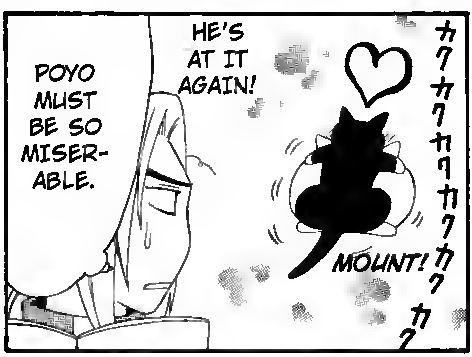
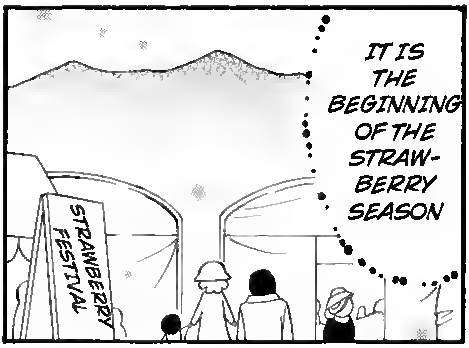
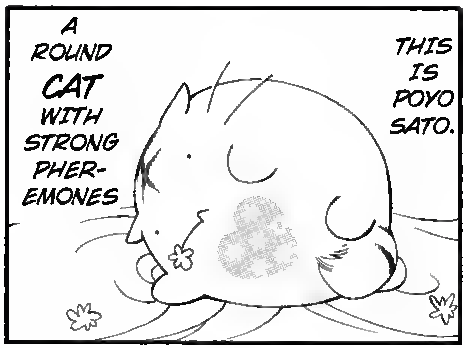
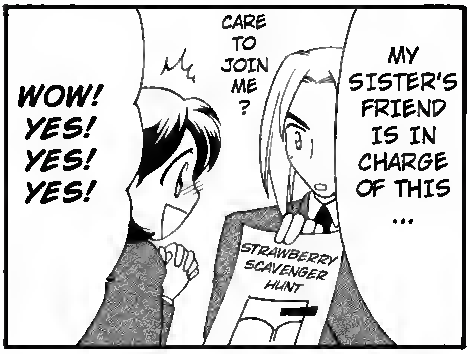
AH, SPRING!

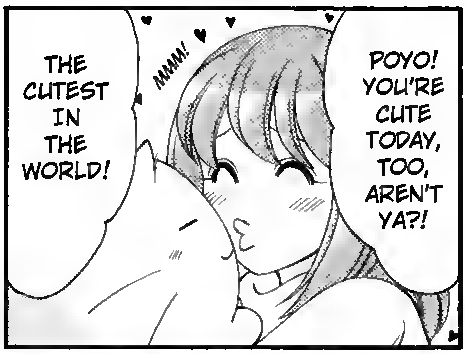

YES. POYO DOES HAVE TIMES WHEN HE FEELS MISER-ABLE...
GASP!

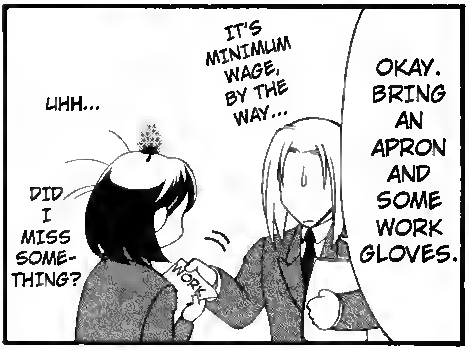

POYO MUST BE SO MISER-ABLE.
HE'S AT IT AGAIN!
カクカクカクカクカクカク
MOUNT!

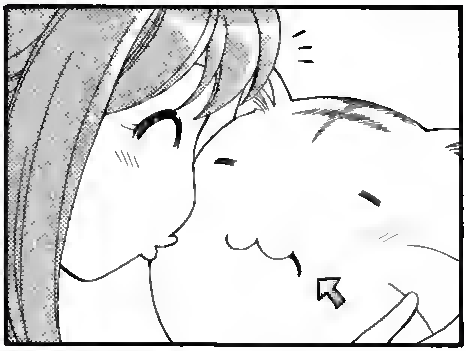


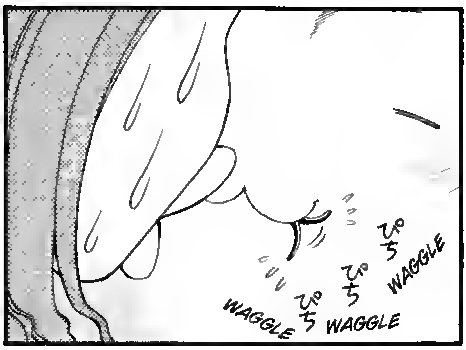




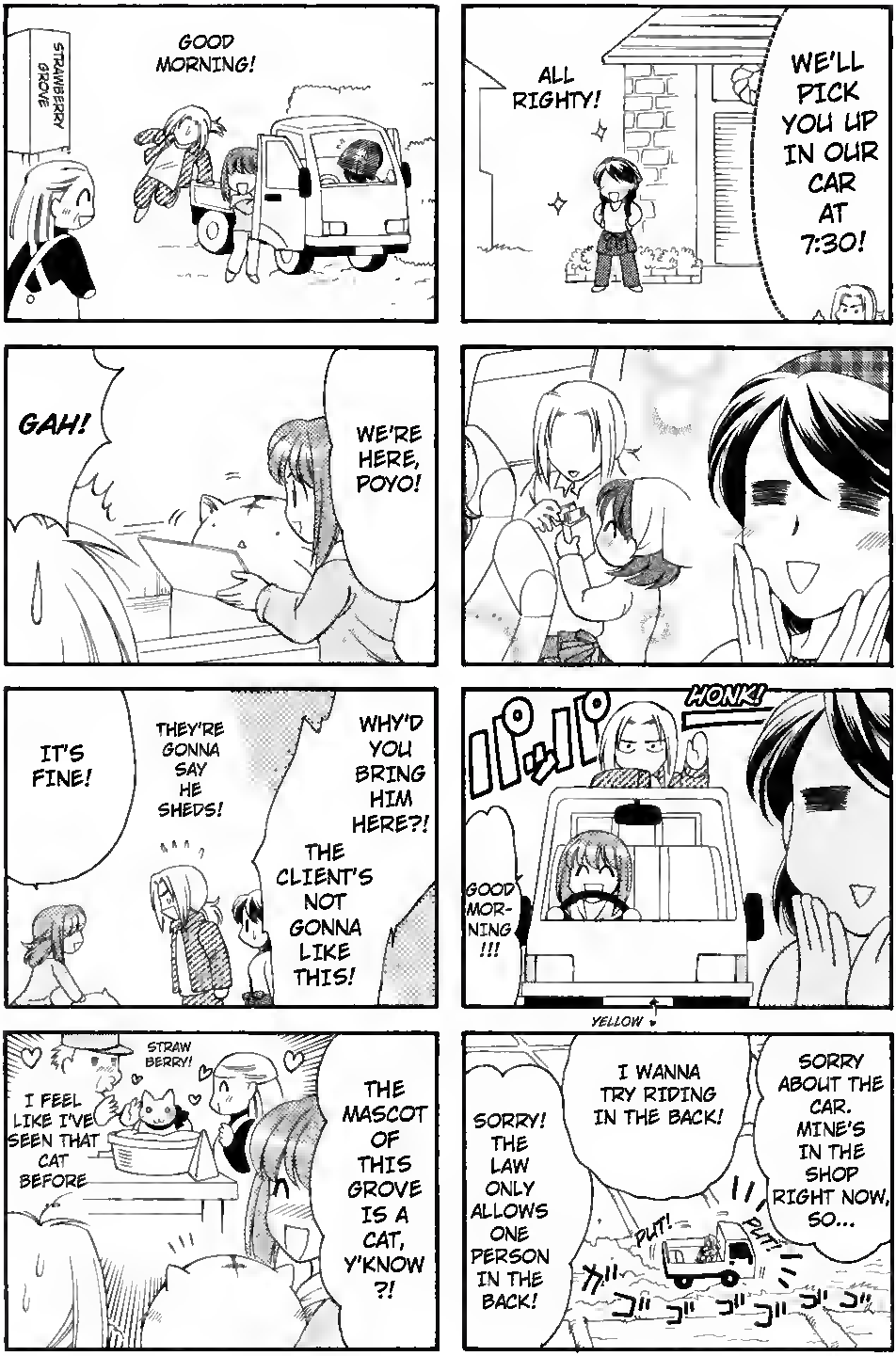


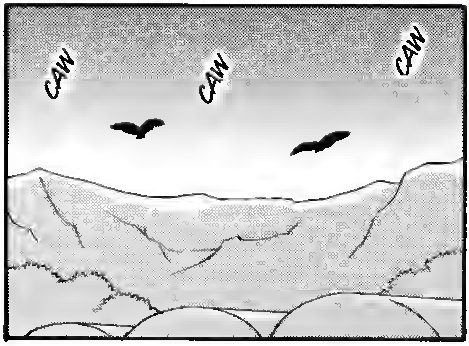






THE COMING OF SPRING, INDEED...


STRAWBERRY GROVE
GOOD MORNING!
ALL RIGHTY!
WE'LL PICK YOU UP IN OUR CAR AT 7:30!
GAH!
WE'RE HERE, POYO!
IT'S FINE!
THEY'RE GONNA SAY HE SHEDS!
WHY'D YOU BRING HIM HERE?!
THE CLIENT'S NOT GONNA LIKE THIS!
パ-ピ
HONK!
GOOD MOR-NING !!!
YELLOW
STRAW BERRY!
I FEEL LIKE I'VE SEEN THAT CAT BEFORE
THE MASCOT OF THIS GROVE IS A CAT, Y'KNOW ?!
SORRY! THE LAW ONLY ALLOWS ONE PERSON IN THE BACK!
I WANNA TRY RIDING IN THE BACK!
SORRY ABOUT THE CAR. MINE'S IN THE SHOP RIGHT NOW, SO...
PUT!
PUT!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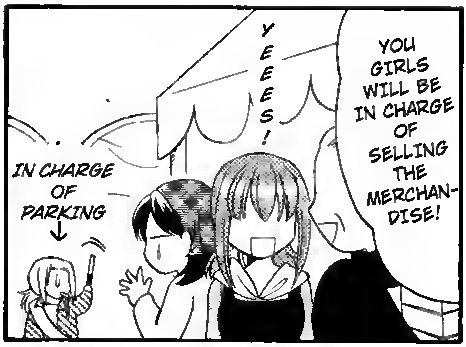
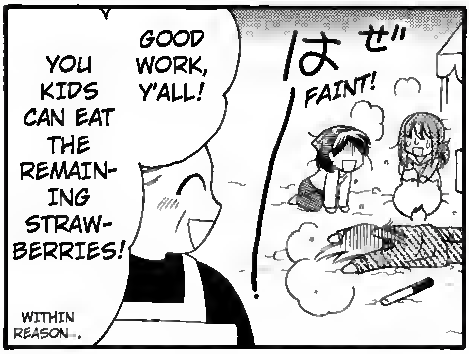

YEEES!
YOU GIRLS WILL BE IN CHARGE OF SELLING THE MERCHANDISE!
IN CHARGE OF PARKING


GOOD WORK, Y'ALL!
YOU KIDS CAN EAT THE REMAINING STRAWBERRIES!
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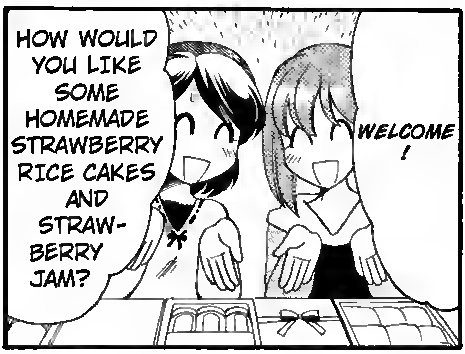
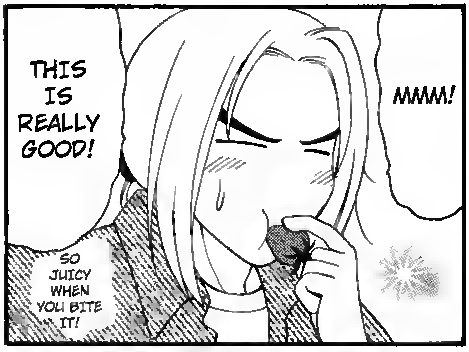
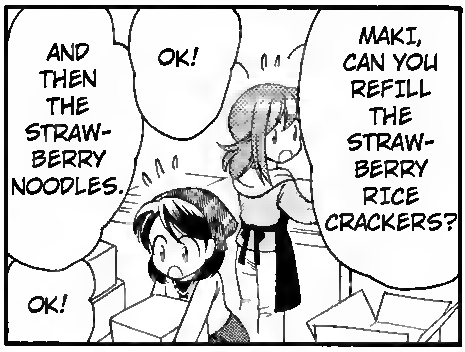
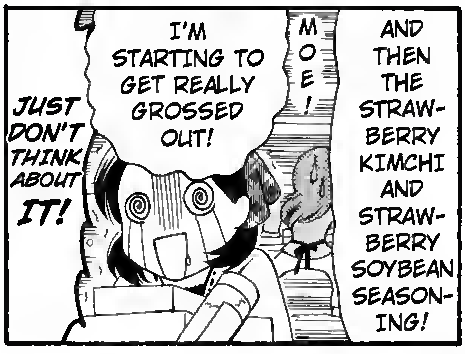
FAINT!
WITHIN REASON...


HOW WOULD YOU LIKE SOME HOMEMADE STRAWBERRY RICE CAKES AND STRAWBERRY JAM?
WELCOME!


THIS IS REALLY GOOD!
MMM!
SO JUICY WHEN YOU BITE IT!


AND THEN THE STRAWBERRY NOODLES.
OK!
MAKI, CAN YOU REFILL THE STRAWBERRY RICE CRACKERS?
OK!

MOST DEFINITELY!
THERE'S NOTHING BETTER THAN STRAWBERRY CONDENSED MILK!
FRIENDLY


JUST DON'T THINK ABOUT IT!
I'M STARTING TO GET REALLY GROSSED OUT!
MOE!
AND THEN THE STRAWBERRY KIMCHI AND STRAWBERRY SOYBEAN SEASONING!

BUZZ!
AH! STAY STILL! STAY STILL!
ACK! BEE!
BUZZ!
THE STRAWBERRIES THESE DAYS QUIVER EVEN WHEN YOU DON'T TOUCH THEM.
OOOH!
IT'S 'CAUSE THEY'RE GROWN WITHOUT SOIL.
I'D LIKE TO COME BACK HERE, AGAIN.
NOM
NOM
UHH... MAKI...
SWISH!
HIDE, CALM AND COMPOSED,
SNATCHED THE BEE IN HIS HAND.
?
?
SILENCE
I'VE NEVER SEEN YOU WEAR THAT HAIR PIECE...
?
IT LOOKS SO REAL
AND THAT'S HOW HE GOT SO SWOLLEN!
AGHHHH!
UGH...
I DON'T CONSIDER THAT CALM AT ALL...
AND IT GOT AWAY...

BUZZ
BUZZ
BUZZ
BUZZ
DON'T WORRY. THE STINGER DIDN'T GET INSIDE.
OH NO...
DOES IT HURT? DOES IT HURT?
WIPE TOWEL
YOU CAUGHT THE BEE?
POYO!
BUZZ BUZZ BUZZ
YOU CAPTURED THE LITTLE BOY'S ATTACKER!
WHO YOU CALLING LITTLE BOY ?
SUCH A CLEVER CAT!
IF YOU P** ON THAT THING, THE PAIN WILL GO AWAY INSTANTLY !
HA HA HA
BANG
BANG
I HEARD YOU GOT STUNG, BOY!
CRUNCH!
SCRAPE SCRAPE
GULP!
SORRY 'BOUT THAT. DON'T WORRY ABOUT HIM.

GROAN...
DIZZY
GOOD JOB, BOYS!
I BROUGHT SOME STEAMED BREAD!
THE RICE PLANTING DAYS ARE HERE!
SNACK TIME!
カン カン
CLANG! CLANG!
THE BIGGEST ONE IS FOR YOU, HIDE!
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ドン
POYOPOYO'S OBSERVATION DIARY
DUHHH...
疲
疲
ガブ♡
GOBBLE!
HIDE!
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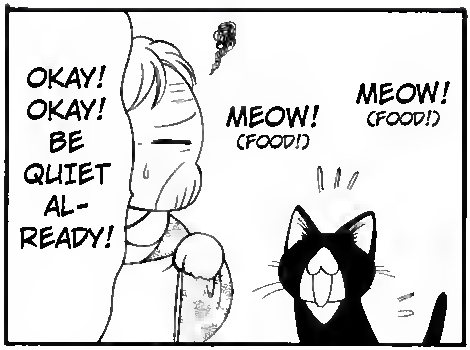
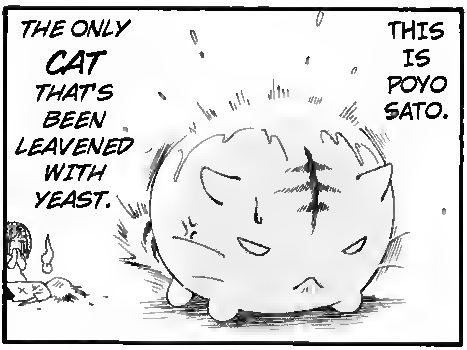
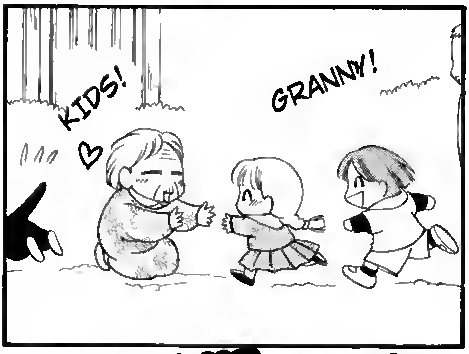
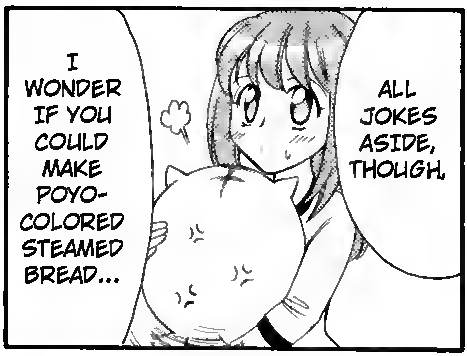
GOBBLE!
ガブ♡
GOBBLE!
I DIDN'T MEAN TO GIVE YOU THAT ONE!!!

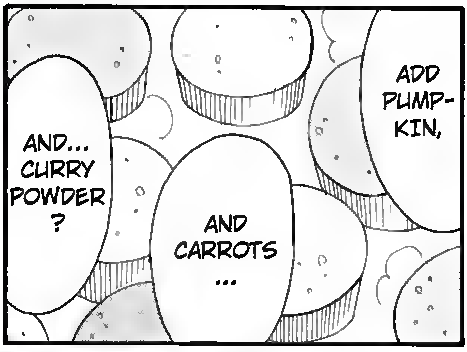

OKAY! OKAY! BE QUIET AL-READY!
MEOW! (FOOD!)
MEOW! (FOOD!)

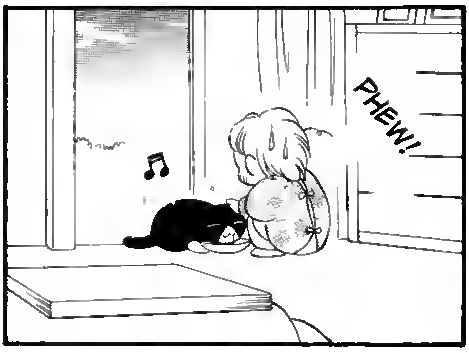

THE ONLY CAT THAT'S BEEN LEAVENED WITH YEAST.
THIS IS POYO SATO.

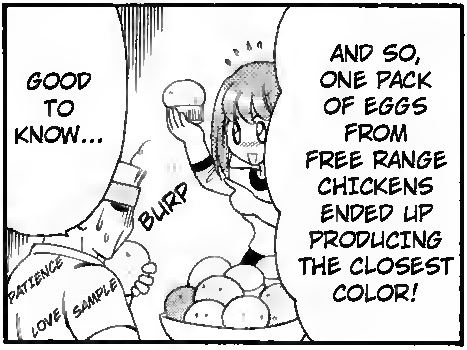

KIDS!
GRANNY!

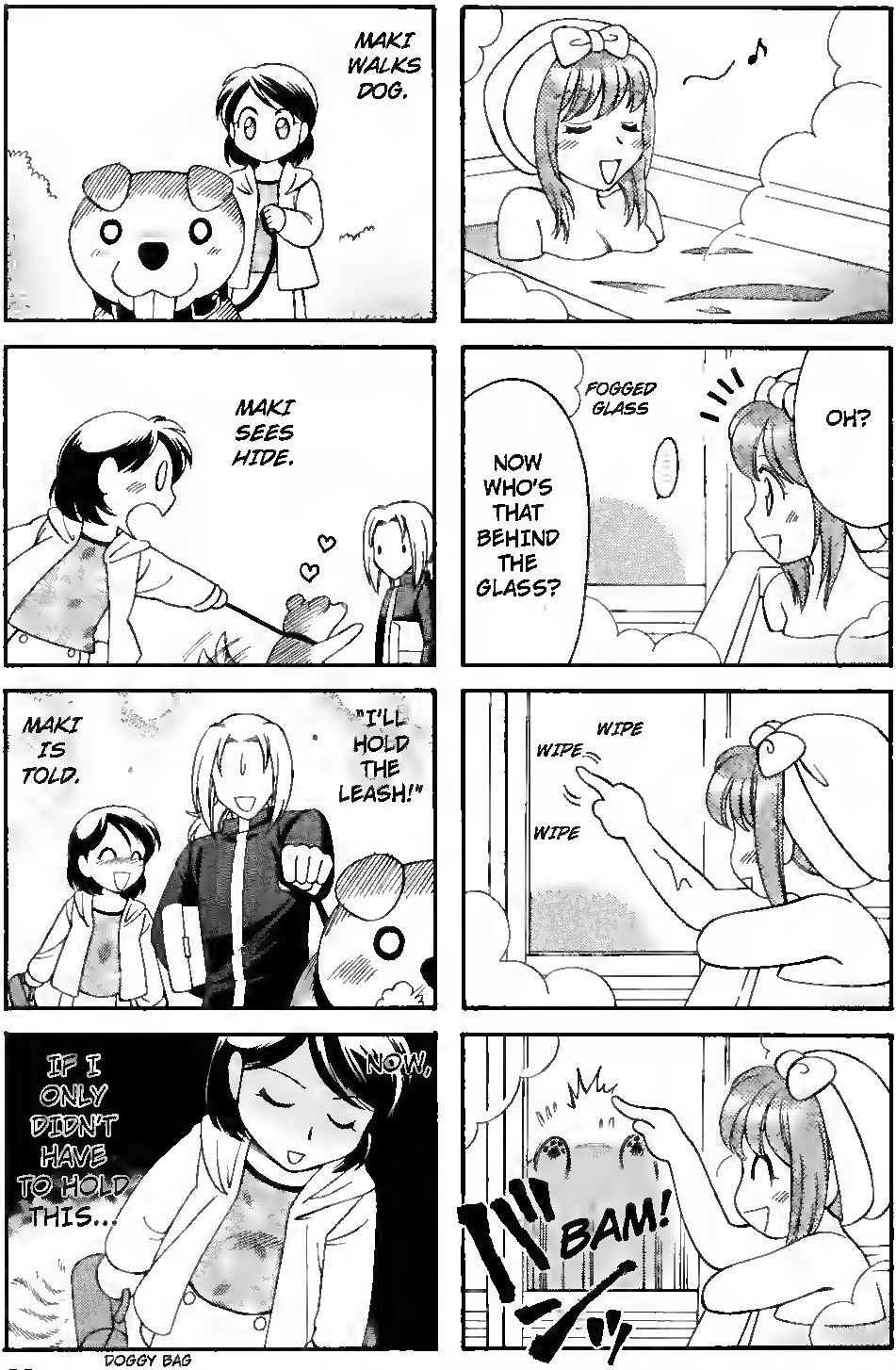

I WONDER IF YOU COULD MAKE POYO-COLORED STEAMED BREAD...
ALL JOKES ASIDE, THOUGH,

BUY ME A GAME! A GAME!
CAN I HAVE SOME MONEY?
GIMME! GIMME!


AND... CURRY POWDER ?
AND CARROTS ...
ADD PUMP-KIN,


PHEW!


GOOD TO KNOW...
BURP
PATIENCE
LOVE
SAMPLE
AND SO, ONE PACK OF EGGS FROM FREE RANGE CHICKENS ENDED UP PRODUCING THE CLOSEST COLOR!


MAKI WALKS DOG.
MAKI SEES HIDE.
FOGGED GLASS
OH?
NOW WHO'S THAT BEHIND THE GLASS?
MAKI IS TOLD.
"I'LL HOLD THE LEASH!"
WIPE
WIPE
WIPE
IF I ONLY DIDN'T HAVE TO HOLD THIS...
NOW,
BAM!

DOGGY BAG

DASH!
CLIMB!
LEAP!
MEOW!
MEOW!
CLAW
SHOOT!
MEOW!
LAND!
MEEEOOOW!
MYAOW!

TUMBLE!
TOSS!
TOSS!
PLOP!
風林火山
天下泰平
出前承ります
四輪駆動
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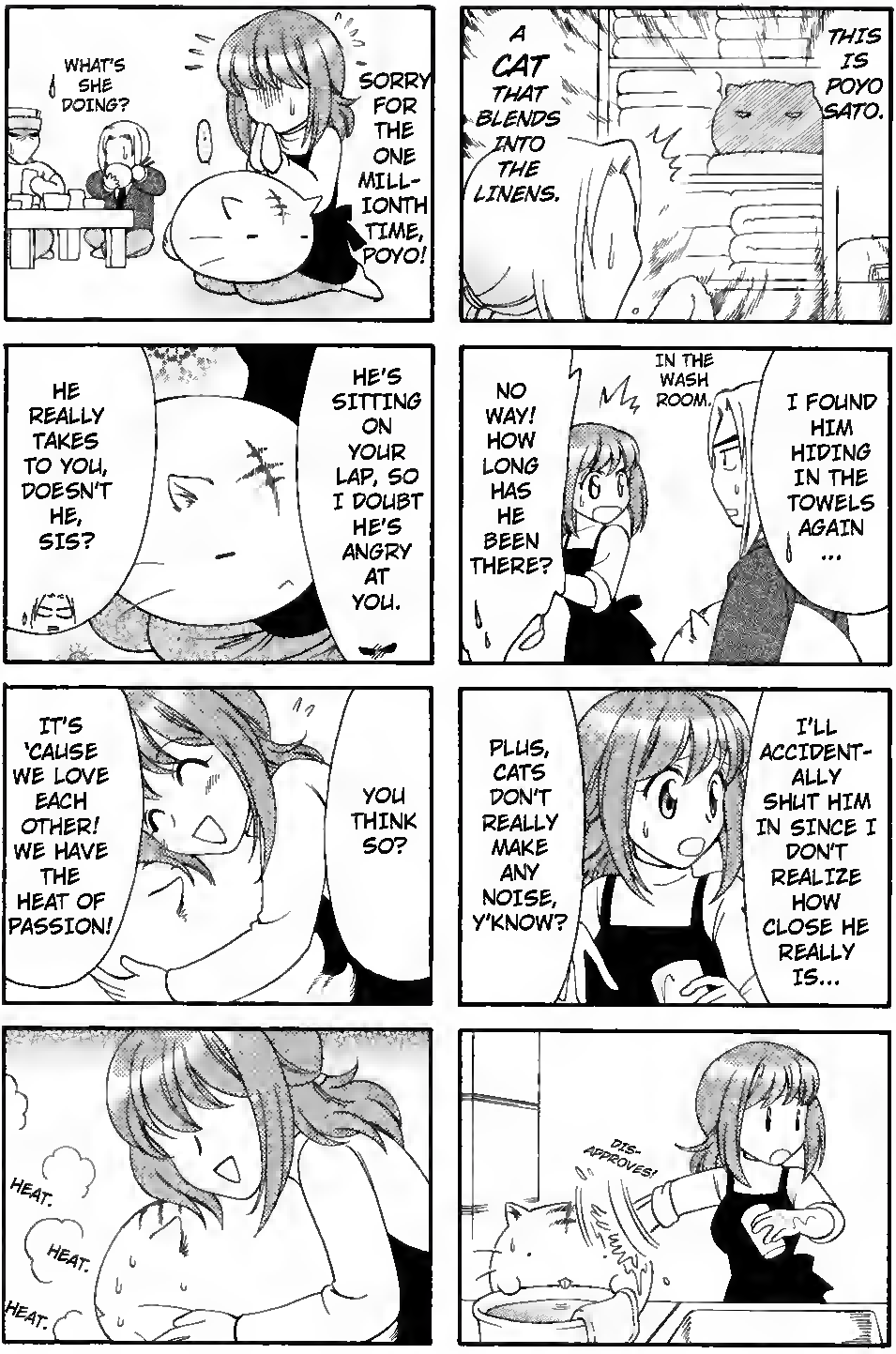
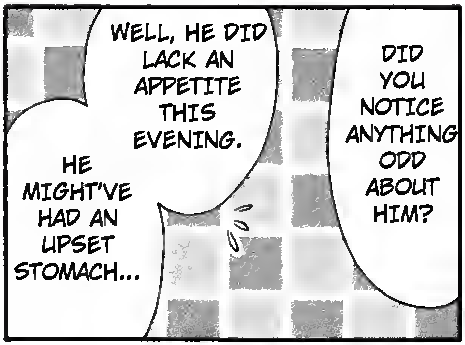
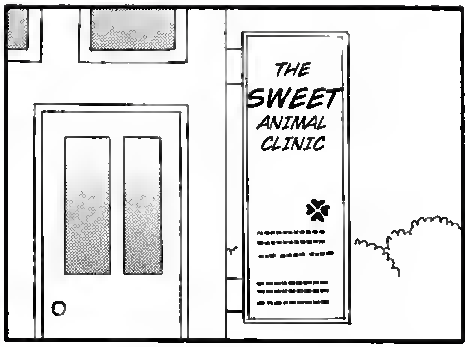
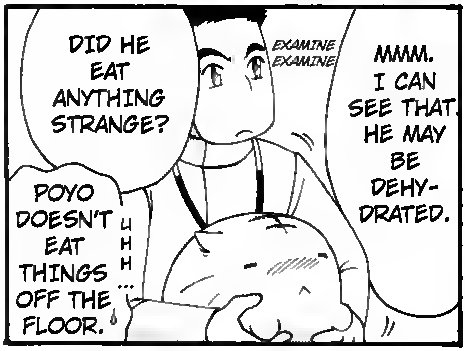
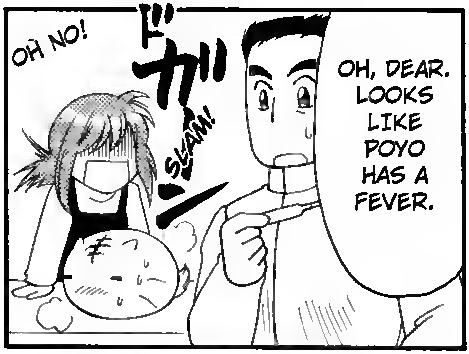
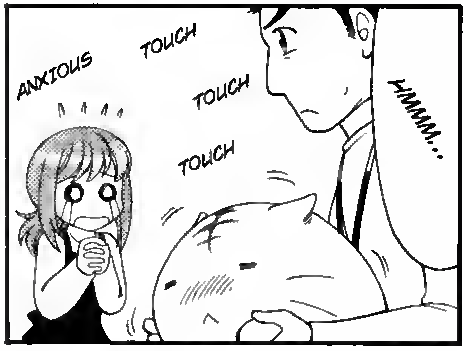

WHAT'S SHE DOING?
SORRY FOR THE ONE MILLIONTH TIME, POYO!
A CAT THAT BLENDS INTO THE LINENS.
THIS IS POYO SATO.
HE REALLY TAKES TO YOU, DOESN'T HE, SIS?
HE'S SITTING ON YOUR LAP, SO I DOUBT HE'S ANGRY AT YOU.
NO WAY! HOW LONG HAS HE BEEN THERE?
IN THE WASH ROOM.
I FOUND HIM HIDING IN THE TOWELS AGAIN ...
IT'S 'CAUSE WE LOVE EACH OTHER! WE HAVE THE HEAT OF PASSION!
YOU THINK SO?
PLUS, CATS DON'T REALLY MAKE ANY NOISE, Y'KNOW?
I'LL ACCIDENTALLY SHUT HIM IN SINCE I DON'T REALIZE HOW CLOSE HE REALLY IS...
HEAT.
HEAT.
HEAT.
DISAPPROVES!

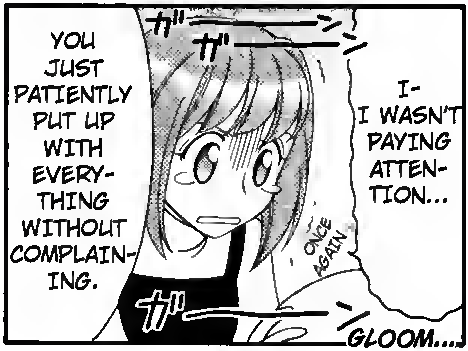

WELL, HE DID LACK AN APPETITE THIS EVENING.
HE MIGHT'VE HAD AN UPSET STOMACH...
DID YOU NOTICE ANYTHING ODD ABOUT HIM?

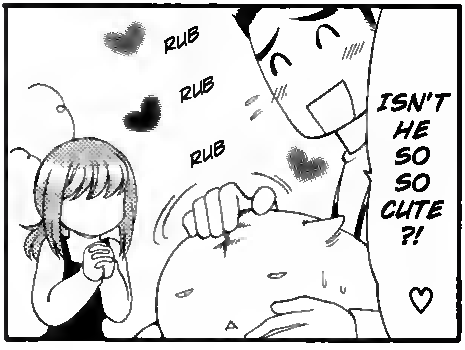

THE SWEET ANIMAL CLINIC

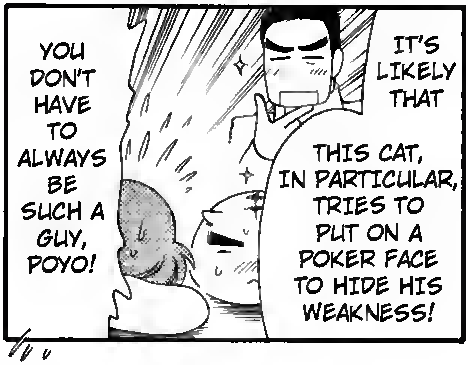

DID HE EAT ANYTHING STRANGE?
EXAMINE EXAMINE
MMM. I CAN SEE THAT. HE MAY BE DEHY-DRATED.
POYO DOESN'T EAT THINGS OFF THE FLOOR.
UHH...

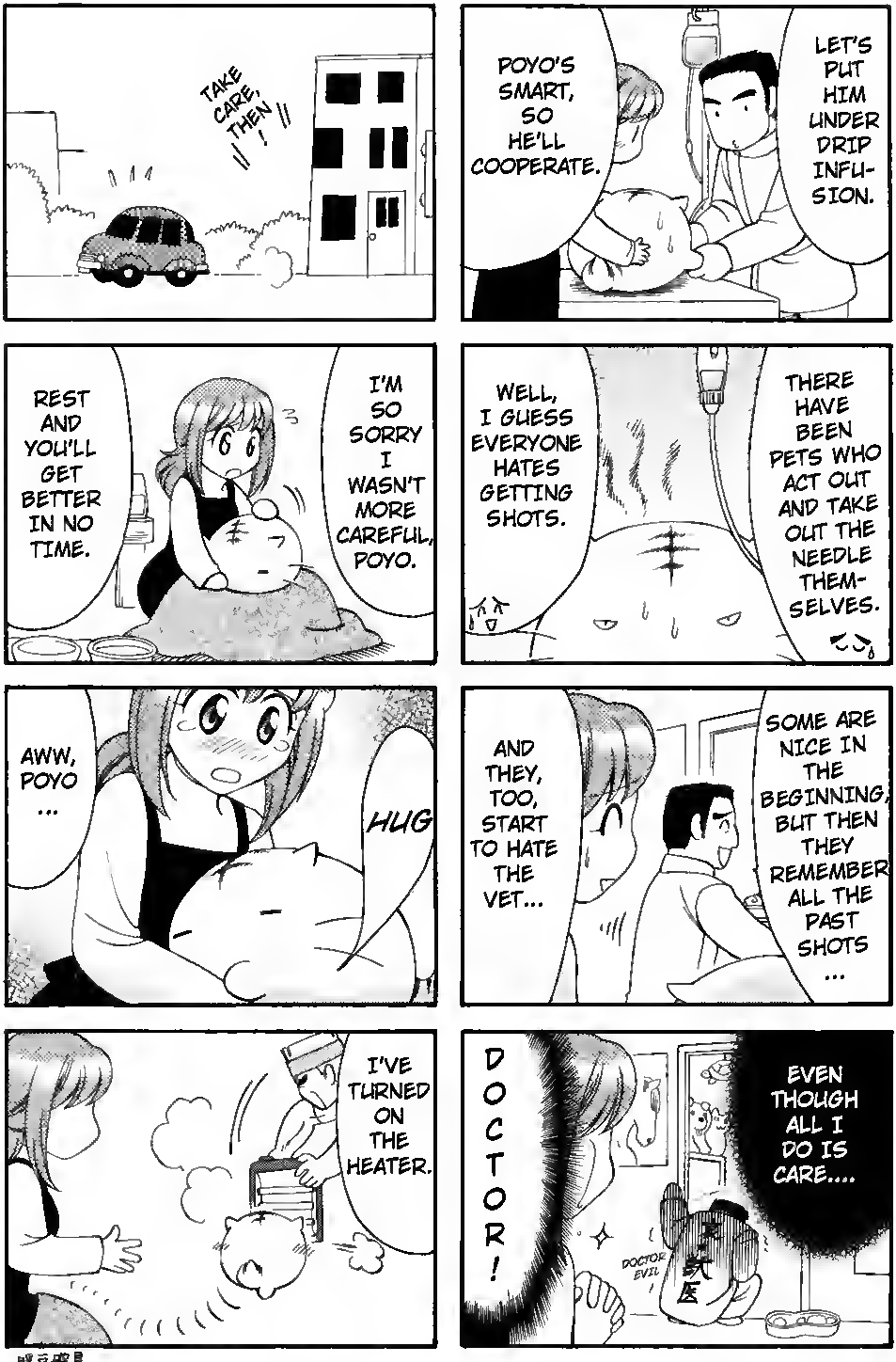

OH NO!
SLAM!
OH, DEAR. LOOKS LIKE POYO HAS A FEVER.


ANXIOUS
TOUCH
TOUCH
TOUCH
HMMM...


YOU JUST PATIENTLY PUT UP WITH EVERY-THING WITHOUT COMPLAIN-ING.
I- I WASN'T PAYING ATTEN-TION...
ONCE AGAIN
GLOOM....

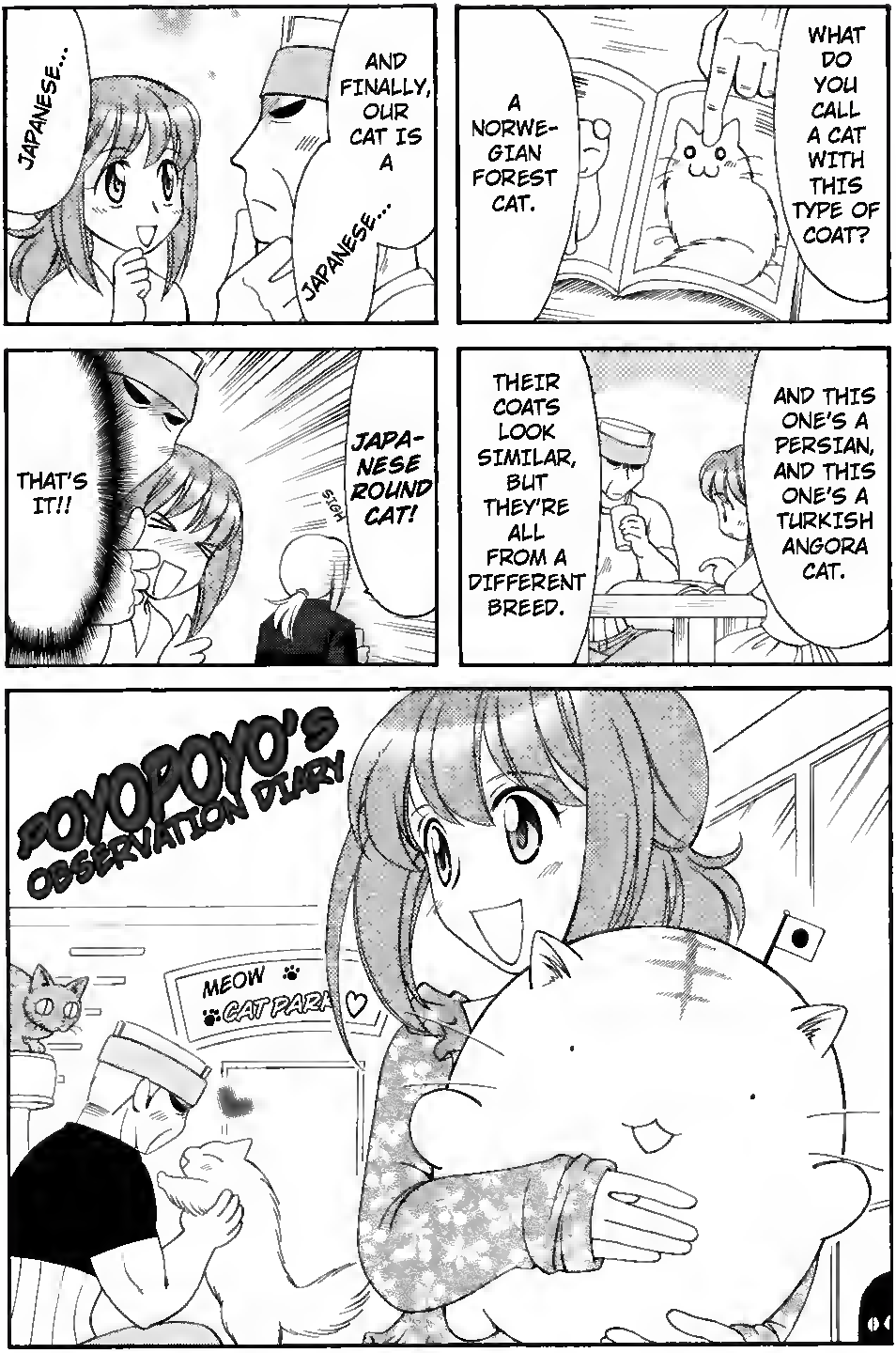

RUB
RUB
RUB
ISN'T HE SO SO CUTE ?!
♡

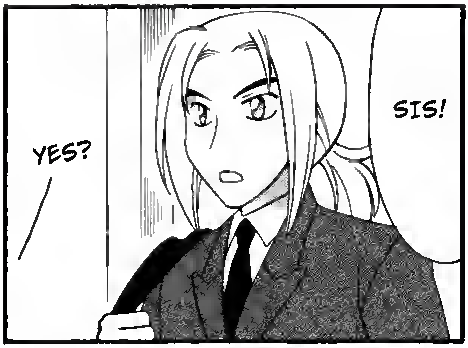

YOU DON'T HAVE TO ALWAYS BE SUCH A GUY, POYO!
IT'S LIKELY THAT THIS CAT, IN PARTICULAR, TRIES TO PUT ON A POKER FACE TO HIDE HIS WEAKNESS!

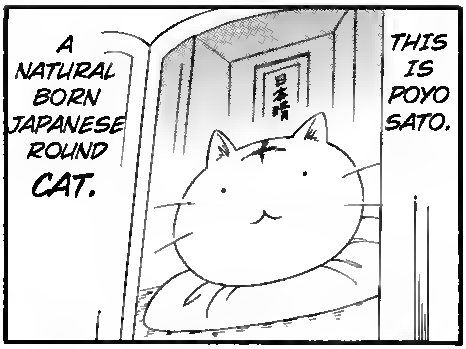

TAKE CARE, THEN!
POYO'S SMART, SO HE'LL COOPERATE.
LET'S PUT HIM UNDER DRIP INFUSION.
REST AND YOU'LL GET BETTER IN NO TIME.
I'M SO SORRY I WASN'T MORE CAREFUL, POYO.
WELL, I GUESS EVERYONE HATES GETTING SHOTS.
THERE HAVE BEEN PETS WHO ACT OUT AND TAKE OUT THE NEEDLE THEMSELVES.
AWW, POYO ...
HUG
AND THEY, TOO, START TO HATE THE VET...
SOME ARE NICE IN THE BEGINNING, BUT THEN THEY REMEMBER ALL THE PAST SHOTS ...
I'VE TURNED ON THE HEATER.
DOCTOR!
EVEN THOUGH ALL I DO IS CARE....
DOCTOR EVIL
医者

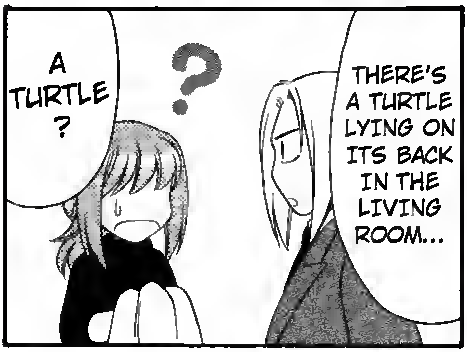
G'NITE!♡
I HEARD POYO WENT TO THE VET!
YEAH.
SIGH. THESE DAYS...
I'VE BEEN AN AWFUL PET OWNER.
WHERE IS HE? WHERE?!
POYO!
IT TURNED OUT IT WAS JUST AN UPSET STOMACH.
SNUGGLE
SNUGGLE
HUH?
POYO...
OH...
WHO KNEW HIDE WOULD BE SO CONCERNED...
WHAT'S WRONG, POYO? ARE YOU COLD AGAIN?
.....
IT WAS JUST AN UPSET STOMACH!
WHERE'S HIS ELIZABETHAN COLLAR?!

A COMPLETE RECOVERY THE NEXT DAY.
BOUNCE!
NIBBLE
NIBBLE
NIBBLE
RUB
RUB
AHH!
SIS, YOU DO KNOW THAT THIS YOGURT IS WAY PAST ITS EXPIRATION DATE, RIGHT?
THAT ONE'S STILL OKAY.
TH-THIS...
NIBBLE NIBBLE NIBBLE NIBBLE
THIS IS WHAT KITTENS ONLY DO TO THEIR MOTHERS!
IT WAS EATEN?!
IT WAS EATEN TWO DAYS AGO AND IT WAS FINE.
YEA, I PUT IT IN POYO'S BOW-...
SNIFF
POYO ...
YOU'D LET ME BE YOUR MOTHER?
HUH?!
STEP BACK
STEP BACK
IF ONLY I WAS A D CUP!
I'LL DO ANYTHING FOR YOU!
PTOOEY!

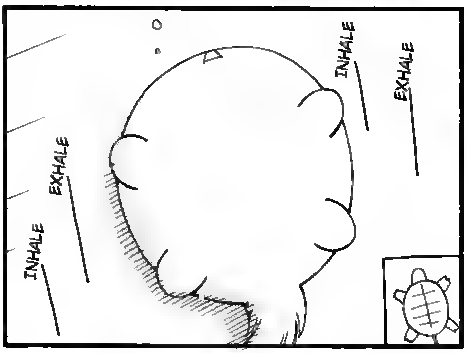

WHAT DO YOU CALL A CAT WITH THIS TYPE OF COAT?
A NORWEGIAN FOREST CAT.
AND THIS ONE'S A PERSIAN, AND THIS ONE'S A TURKISH ANGORA CAT.
THEIR COATS LOOK SIMILAR, BUT THEY'RE ALL FROM A DIFFERENT BREED.
AND FINALLY, OUR CAT IS A
JAPANESE...
JAPANESE...
JAPANESE ROUND CAT!
SIGH
THAT'S IT!!
POYOPOYO'S OBSERVATION DIARY
MEOW


SIS!
YES?

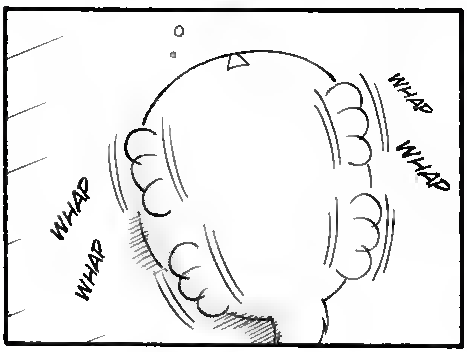

THIS IS POYO SATO.
A NATURAL BORN JAPANESE ROUND CAT.

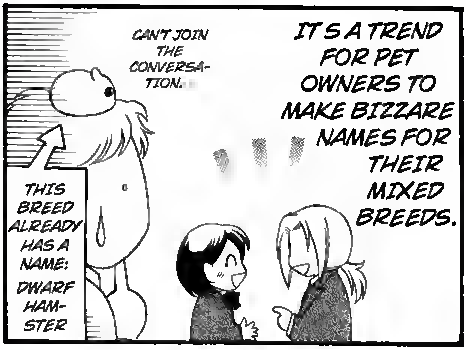

THERE'S A TURTLE LYING ON ITS BACK IN THE LIVING ROOM...
A TURTLE ?
?

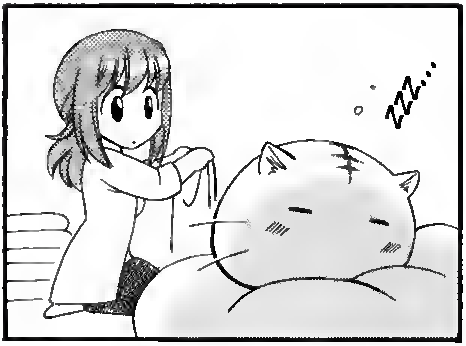
WELL THEN, KUROBEI'S A JAPANESE SOCK-LOVER CAT. AREN'T YOU, KURO?

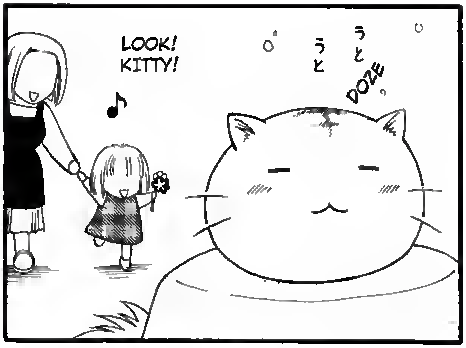

INHALE
EXHALE
INHALE
EXHALE

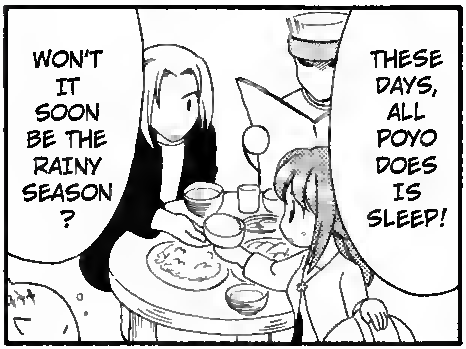
I'D LIKE TO CALL OUR DOG A CHOCOLATE HAIRED CANINE!

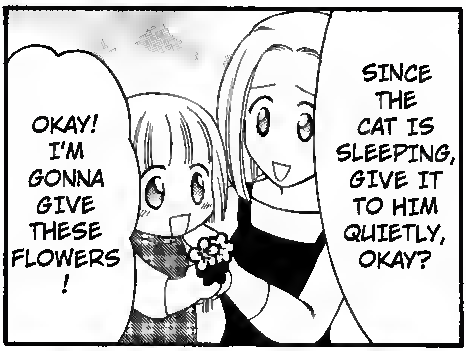

WHAP
WHAP
WHAP
WHAP

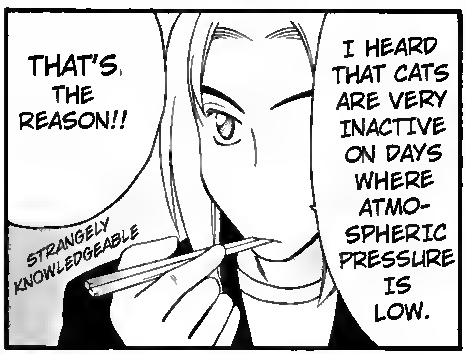

IT'S A TREND FOR PET OWNERS TO MAKE BIZZARE NAMES FOR THEIR MIXED BREEDS.
CAN'T JOIN THE CONVERSATION.
THIS BREED ALREADY HAS A NAME: DWARF HAMSTER

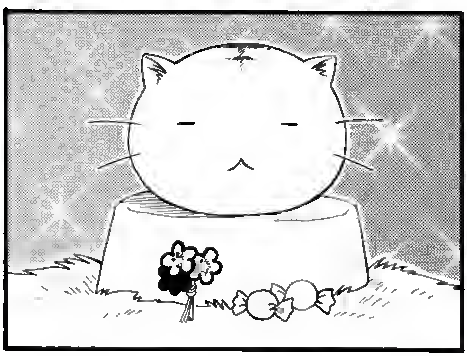

ZZZ...

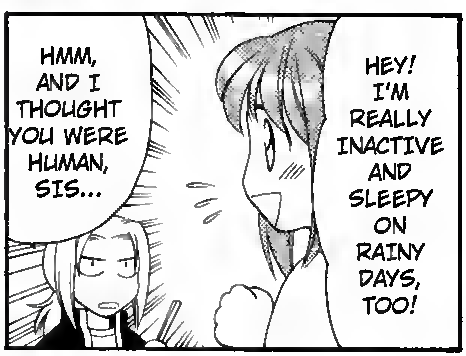

LOOK! KITTY!
うとと
DOZE

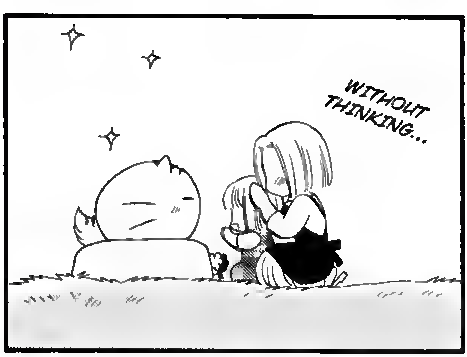

WON'T IT SOON BE THE RAINY SEASON?
THESE DAYS, ALL POYO DOES IS SLEEP!

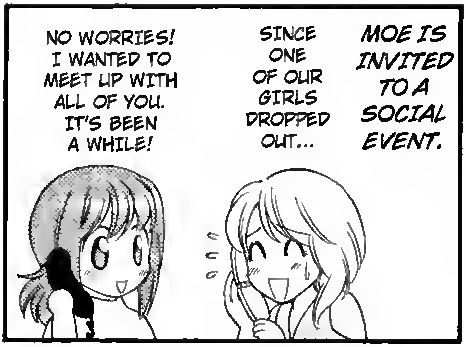

OKAY! I'M GONNA GIVE THESE FLOWERS!
SINCE THE CAT IS SLEEPING, GIVE IT TO HIM QUIETLY, OKAY?


THAT'S THE REASON!!
STRANGELY KNOWLEDGEABLE
I HEARD THAT CATS ARE VERY INACTIVE ON DAYS WHERE ATMO-SPHERIC PRESSURE IS LOW.

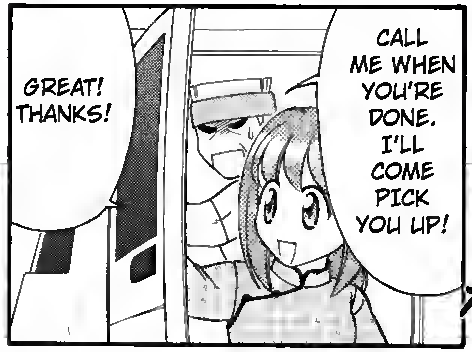



HMM, AND I THOUGHT YOU WERE HUMAN, SIS...
HEY! I'M REALLY INACTIVE AND SLEEPY ON RAINY DAYS, TOO!

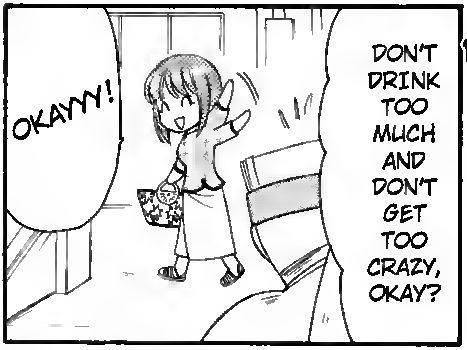

WITHOUT THINKING...

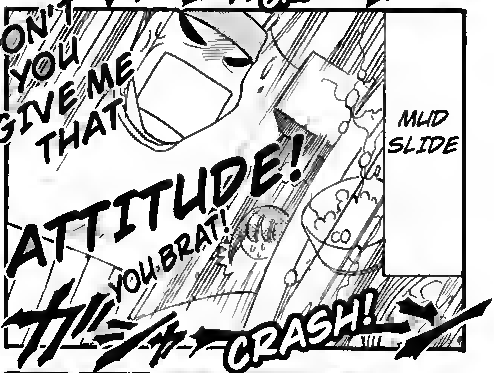

MOE IS INVITED TO A SOCIAL EVENT.
SINCE ONE OF OUR GIRLS DROPPED OUT...
NO WORRIES! I WANTED TO MEET UP WITH ALL OF YOU. IT'S BEEN A WHILE!

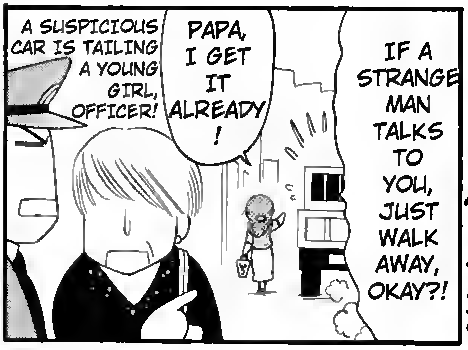
LOW PRES-SURE ZONE, HUH...
I RECALL A LOW-PRESSURE FRONT HITTING OUR AREA NOT TOO LONG AGO.

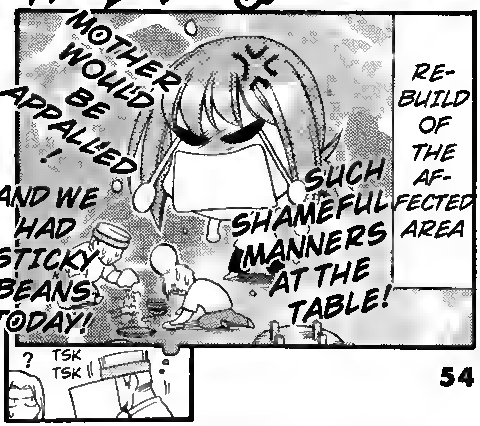

CALL ME WHEN YOU'RE DONE. I'LL COME PICK YOU UP!
GREAT! THANKS!

LOW PRES-SURE ZONE
STOP TELLING ME
WHAT TO DO!
CRASH!


DON'T DRINK TOO MUCH AND DON'T GET TOO CRAZY, OKAY?
OKAYY!


MUD SLIDE
DON'T YOU GIVE ME THAT ATTITUDE! YOU BRAT!
CRASH!


IF A STRANGE MAN TALKS TO YOU, JUST WALK AWAY, OKAY?!
PAPA, I GET IT ALREADY!
A SUSPICIOUS CAR IS TAILING A YOUNG GIRL, OFFICER!


RE-BUILD OF THE AF-FECTED AREA
SUCH SHAMEFUL MANNERS AT THE TABLE!
MOTHER WOULD BE APPALLED! AND WE HAD STICKY BEANS TODAY!
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?

THUNK!
ガラララ
I'M HOME!
UGH! WORST NIGHT EVER! AND I STINK OF CIGARETTES!
MOE, YOU LIKE CATS?
LOVE 'EM!
HEH! ABOUT CATS...
I'M HOME, POYO!
MEOW!
STOP IT!
DO YOU KNOW HOW BEST TO SKIN ONE?
IT WAS SUCH AN AWFUL NIGHT, POYO!
SIGH.
INHALE
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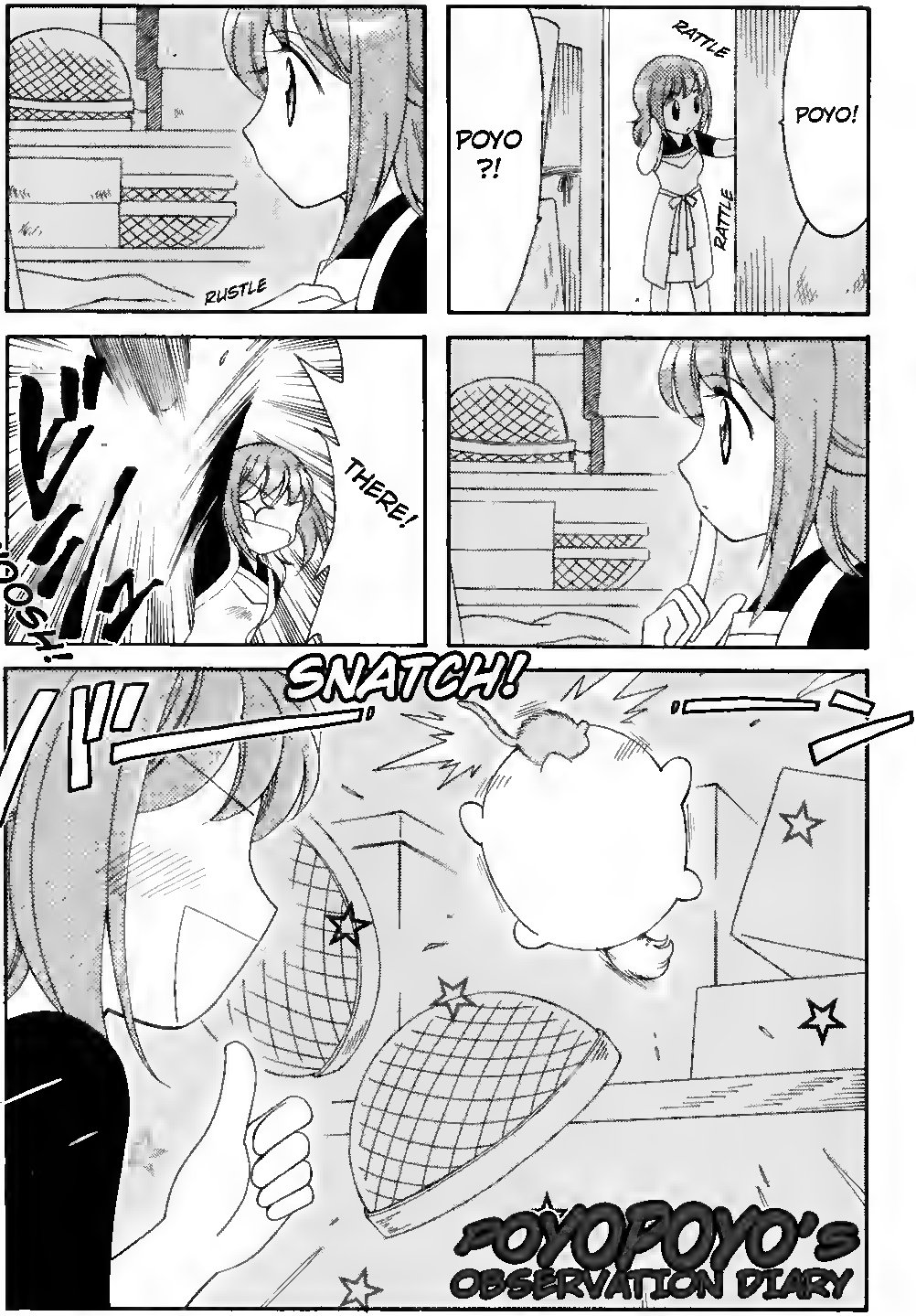
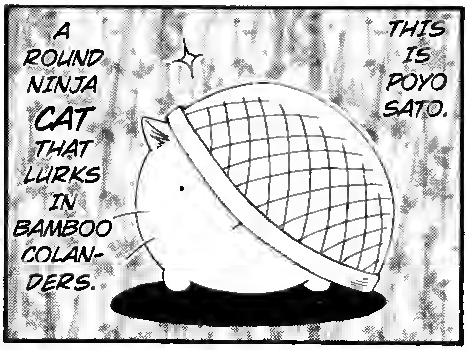
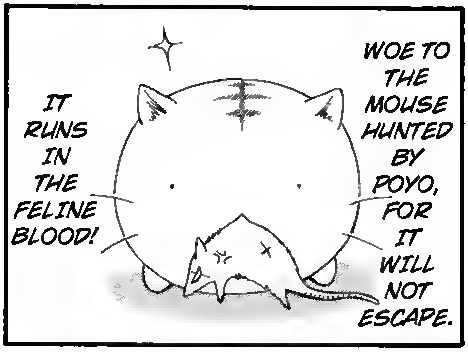
ヘ!!
キ!!
SNAP!
HOW IT SOOTHES ME SO!
YOU SMELL SO DUSTY!
LOVE?
THIS IS!
TREMBLE!
ショボボボボボボ
GRAPE-FRUIT
LIKE THIS?

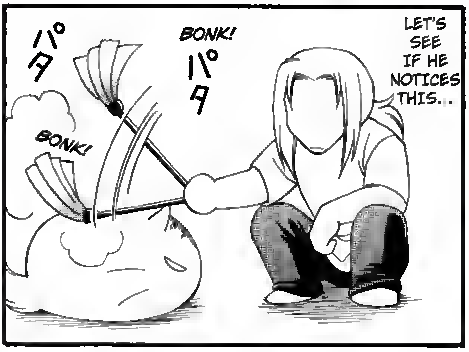

RUSTLE
RATTLE
POYO!
RATTLE
POYO ?!
THERE!
SWOOSH!!
SNATCH!
POYOPOYO'S OBSERVATION DIARY

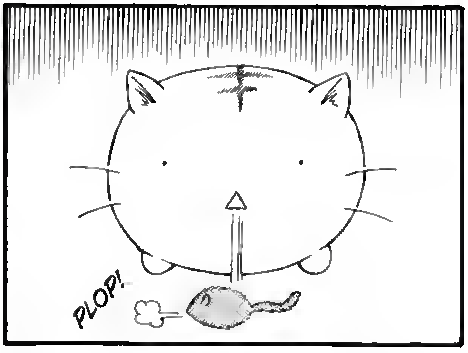
YOU CAN'T HELP BUT NOTICE THINGS THAT MOVE!
EVEN IF YOU'RE NOT INTER-ESTED IN TOYS,

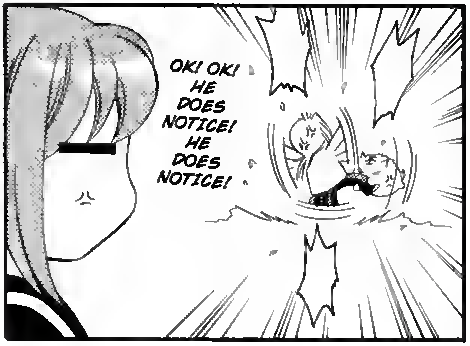

A ROUND NINJA CAT THAT LURKS IN BAMBOO COLAN-DERS.
THIS IS POYO SATO.

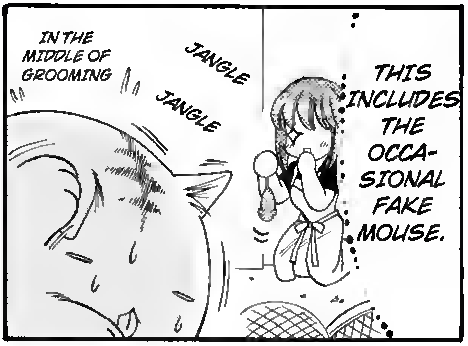
HEY!
WILL YOU STOP ?!
VERY TRUE!

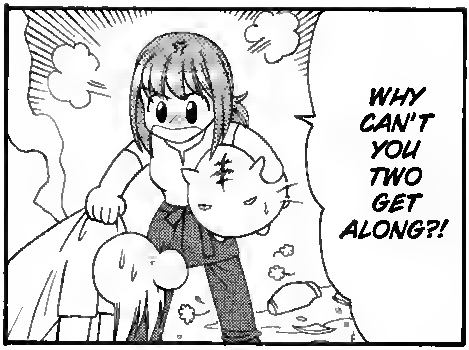

IT RUNS IN THE FELINE BLOOD!
WOE TO THE MOUSE HUNTED BY POYO, FOR IT WILL NOT ESCAPE.

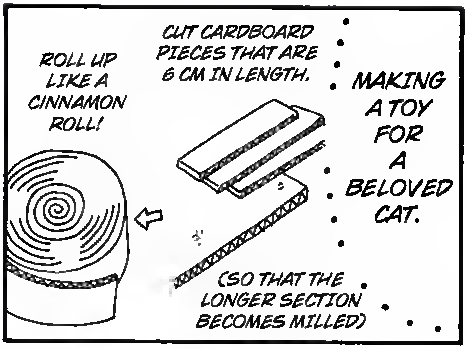

BONK!
BONK!
LET'S SEE IF HE NOTICES THIS..

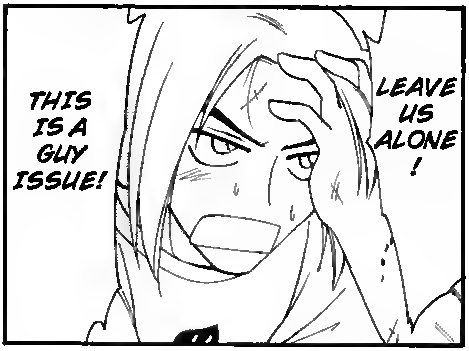

PLOP!

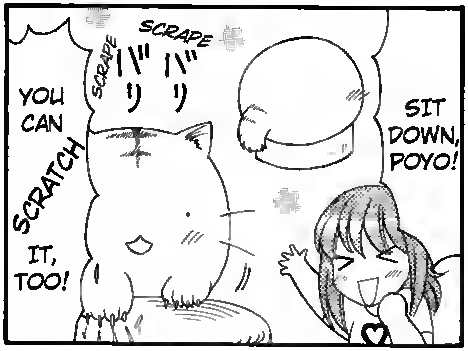

OK! OK! HE DOES NOTICE! HE DOES NOTICE!

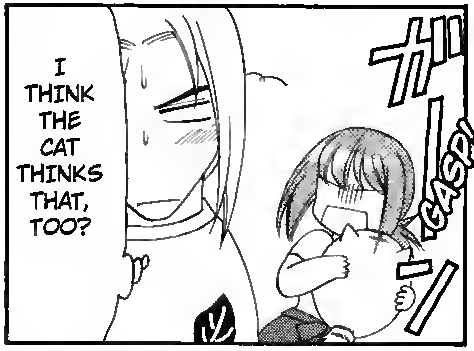

IN THE MIDDLE OF GROOMING
JANGLE
JANGLE
THIS INCLUDES THE OCCA-SIONAL FAKE MOUSE.

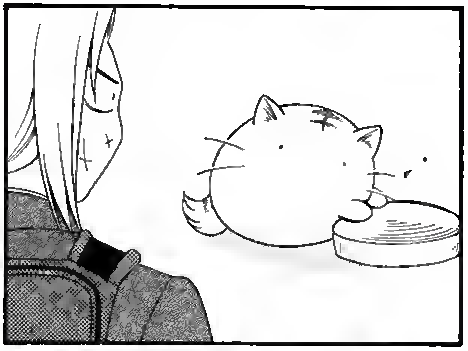

WHY CAN'T YOU TWO GET ALONG?!


CUT CARDBOARD PIECES THAT ARE 6 CM IN LENGTH.
ROLL UP LIKE A CINNAMON ROLL!
MAKING A TOY FOR A BELOVED CAT.
(SO THAT THE LONGER SECTION BECOMES MILLED)

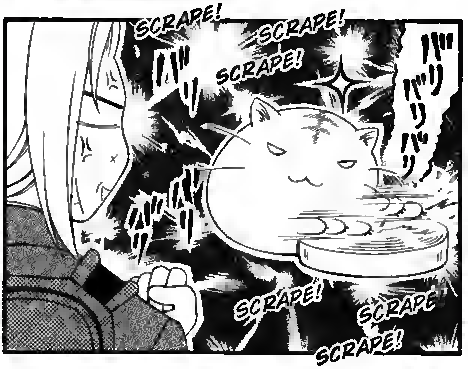

THIS IS A GUY ISSUE!
LEAVE US ALONE!


SCRAPE
SCRAPE
SCRAPE
YOU CAN SCRATCH IT, TOO!
SIT DOWN, POYO!


I THINK THE CAT THINKS THAT, TOO?
GASP!



I'M SO JEALOUS!
SO COOL!
I WISH I COULD HAVE GUY FIGHTS WITH POYO, TOO!
SOB!


SCRAPE!
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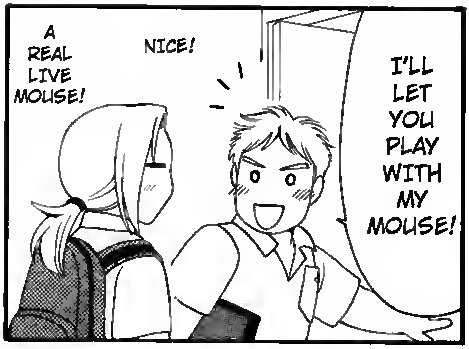
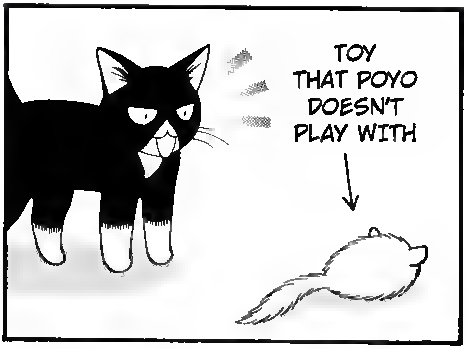
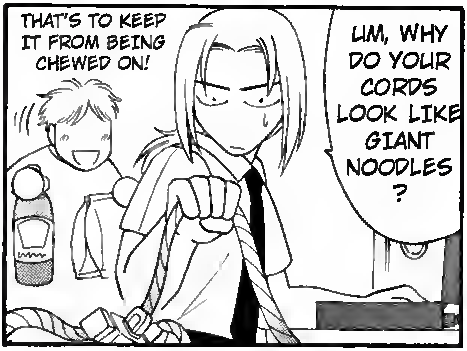
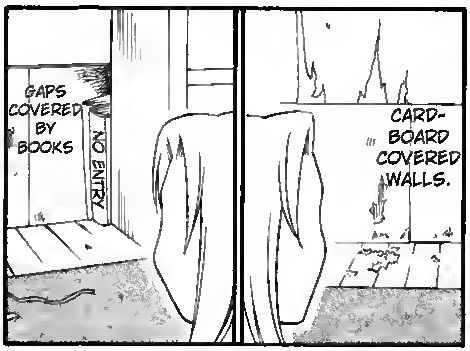
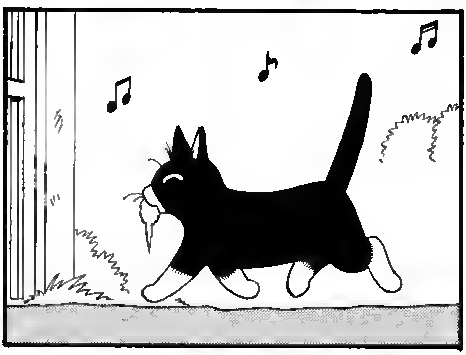

A REAL LIVE MOUSE!
NICE!
I'LL LET YOU PLAY WITH MY MOUSE!

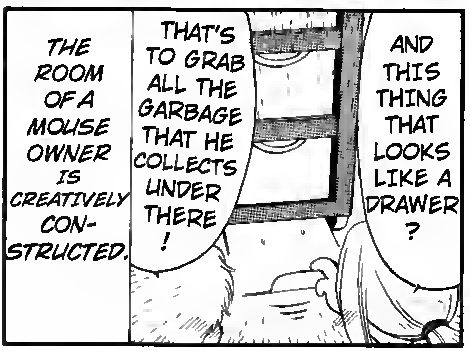

TOY THAT POYO DOESN'T PLAY WITH

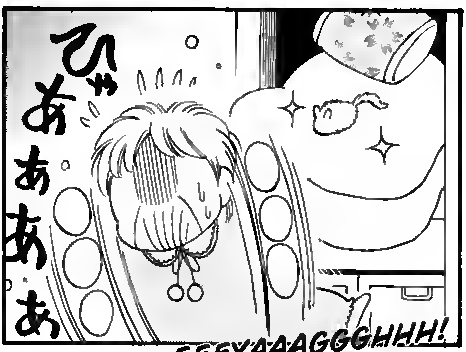

THAT'S TO KEEP IT FROM BEING CHEWED ON!
UM, WHY DO YOUR CORDS LOOK LIKE GIANT NOODLES?

AW!
YOU CAN HAVE IT, KURO!


GAPS COVERED BY BOOKS
NO ENTRY
CARD-BOARD COVERED WALLS.




THE ROOM OF A MOUSE OWNER IS CREATIVELY CON-STRUCTED.
THAT'S TO GRAB ALL THE GARBAGE THAT HE COLLECTS UNDER THERE!
AND THIS THING THAT LOOKS LIKE A DRAWER?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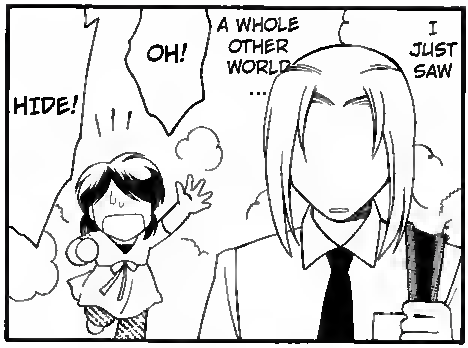
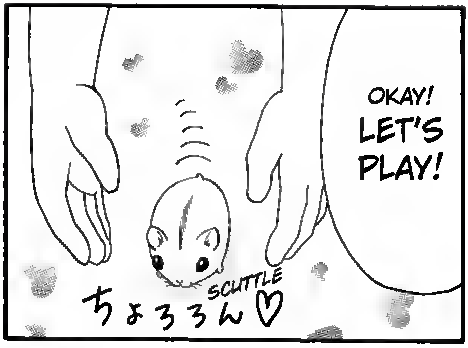
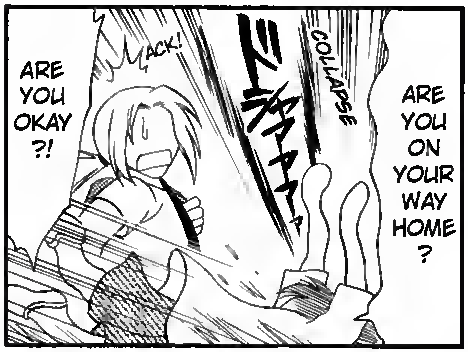
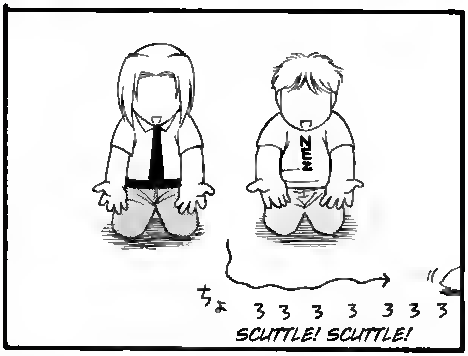
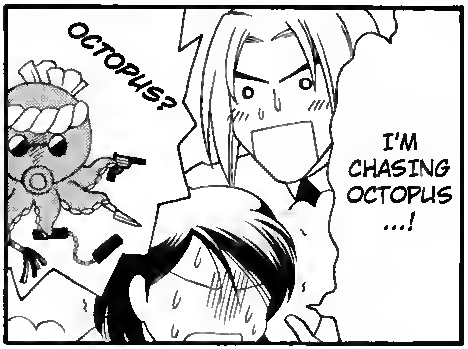
EEEYAAAGGGHHH!

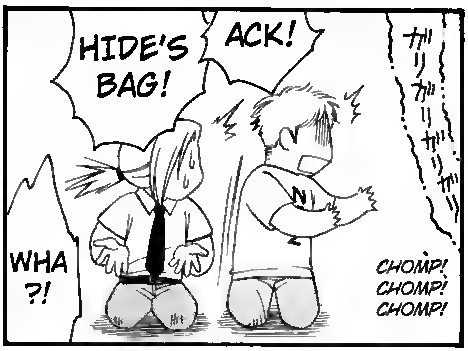


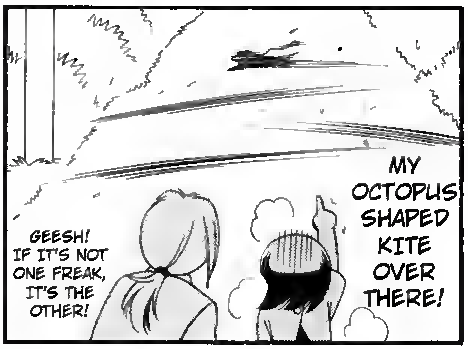












IT FELT LESS LIKE PLAYING, MORE LIKE LIFE-GUARD DUTY. (BY HIDE)
DON'T MOVE HIDE! HE'S HERE!
NONO! THAT'S A THUMBTACK! GET A BAG!
BAD BOY!
COME HERE!
OKAY! OKAY!

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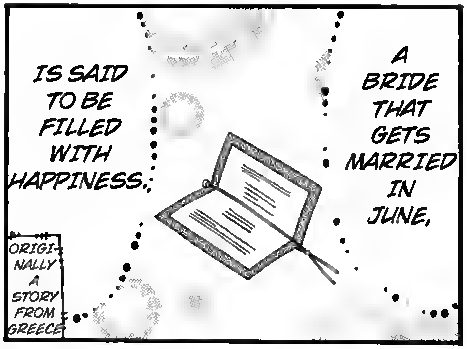
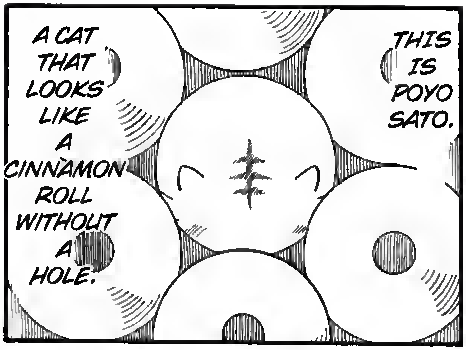
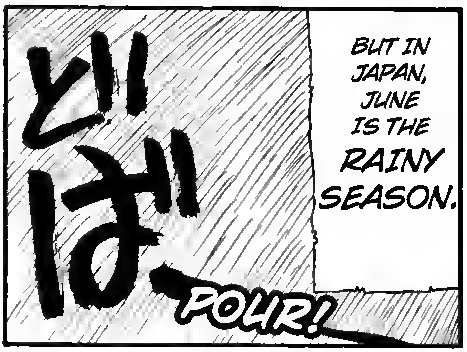
PANIC WHILE SEATED

HIDE, YOU REALLY KNEW WHAT TO DO THERE, DIDN'T YOU?
IT'S 'CAUSE MY UNCLE HAS A DOG, TOO...
WAIT UP
TSUKUDANI!!
DASH!
MAKI! MAKI!
I'D LIKE TO HAVE A DOG ...
OH NO
BUT IT PROBABLY WOULDN'T BE SAFE FOR THE CAT THAT WE HAVE ALREADY.
THEY HAVE MAGIC SPELLS FOR TIMES LIKE THIS!
IT'LL ONLY WORK TWO OR THREE TIMES, BUT LET'S GIVE IT A SHOT!
?
LOOK AT WHAT I HAVE!
STOP
SNIFF
SNIFF
I THINK YOUR CAT WILL BE AL-RIGHT...
YELP!
SLOWER
FREEZE
NOW'S YOUR CHANCE, MAKI!
NOTHING'S INSIDE, OF COURSE.
ARF?

CINNAMON
ROLL
CHESTNUTS
RICE
GROAN
SIGH
I'M HOME!
WEDDING SHOP
POYOPOYO'S OBSERVATION DIARY
WEDDING ACCESSORY


IS SAID TO BE FILLED WITH HAPPINESS.
A BRIDE THAT GETS MARRIED IN JUNE,
ORIGINALLY A STORY FROM GREECE


A CAT THAT LOOKS LIKE A CINNAMON ROLL WITHOUT A HOLE.
THIS IS POYO SATO.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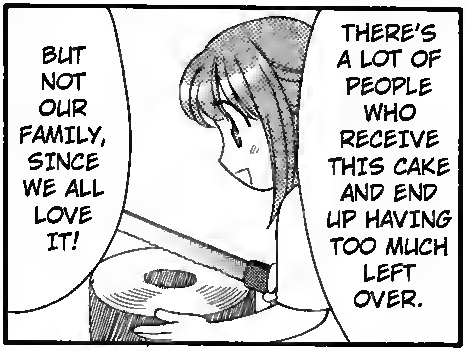
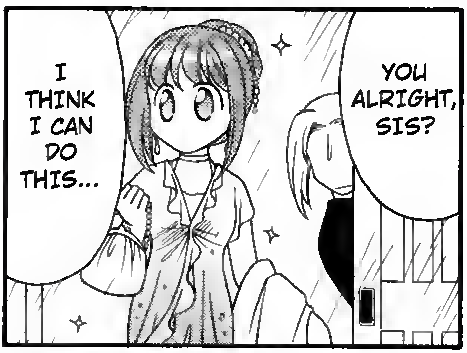
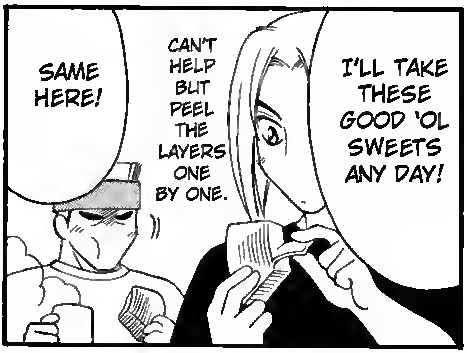
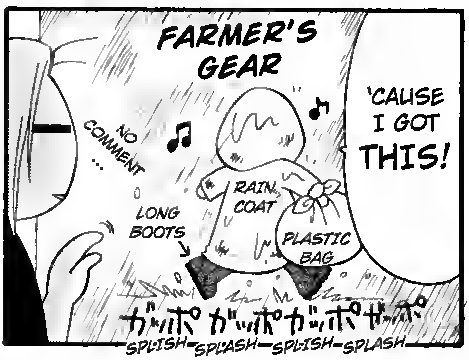
POUR!
BUT IN JAPAN, JUNE IS THE RAINY SEASON.


BUT NOT OUR FAMILY, SINCE WE ALL LOVE IT!
THERE'S A LOT OF PEOPLE WHO RECEIVE THIS CAKE AND END UP HAVING TOO MUCH LEFT OVER.


I THINK I CAN DO THIS...
YOU ALRIGHT, SIS?


SAME HERE!
CAN'T HELP BUT PEEL THE LAYERS ONE BY ONE.
I'LL TAKE THESE GOOD 'OL SWEETS ANY DAY!


FARMER'S GEAR
NO COMMENT...
RAIN COAT
LONG BOOTS
PLASTIC BAG
'CAUSE I GOT THIS!
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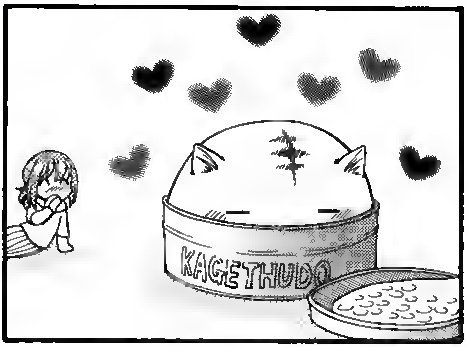
SPLISH-SPLASH-SPLISH-SPLASH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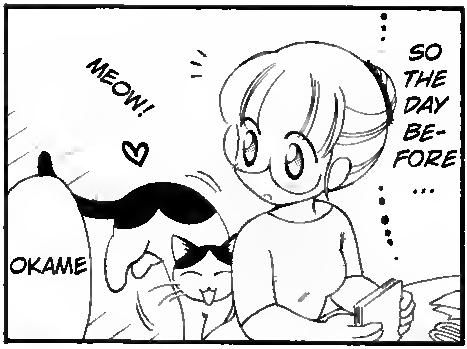
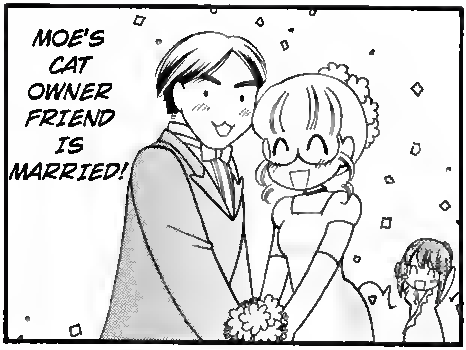
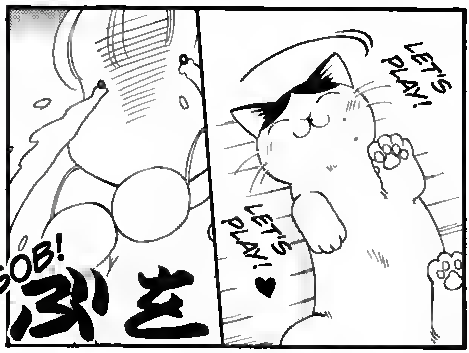
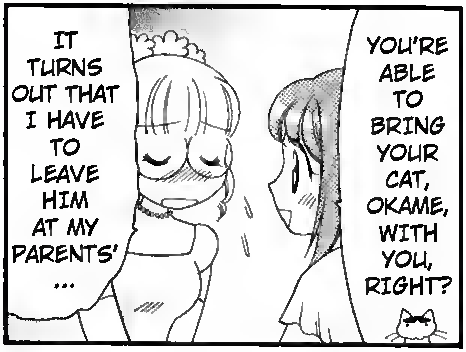
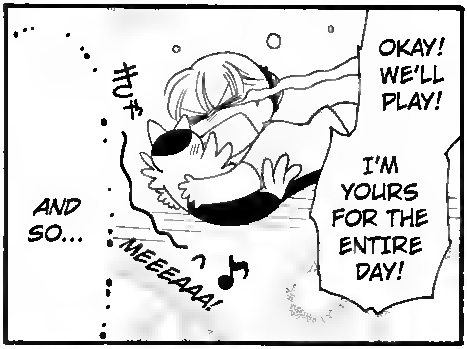
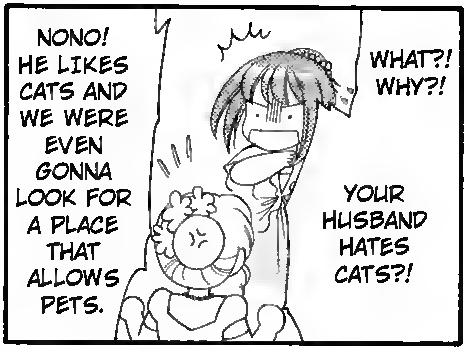

MEOW!
OKAME
SO THE DAY BE-FORE ...

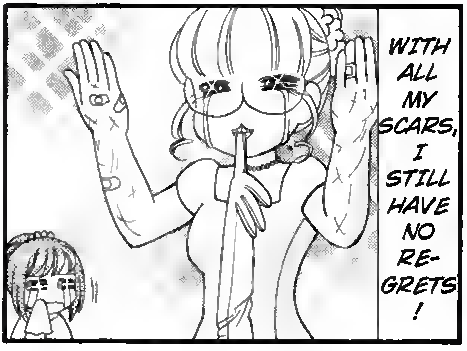

MOE'S CAT OWNER FRIEND IS MARRIED!

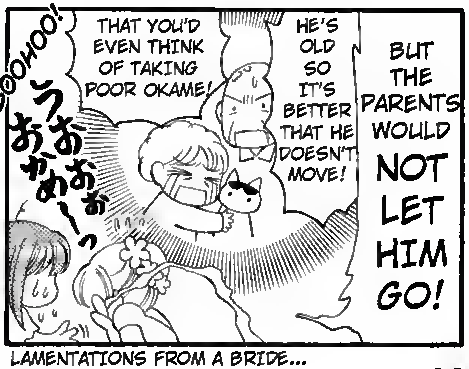

LET'S PLAY!
LET'S PLAY!
SOB! ぷい


IT TURNS OUT THAT I HAVE TO LEAVE HIM AT MY PARENTS' ...
YOU'RE ABLE TO BRING YOUR CAT, OKAME, WITH YOU, RIGHT?


OKAY! WE'LL PLAY!
I'M YOURS FOR THE ENTIRE DAY!
AND SO...
MEEEAAA!


NONO! HE LIKES CATS AND WE WERE EVEN GONNA LOOK FOR A PLACE THAT ALLOWS PETS.
WHAT?! WHY?!
YOUR HUSBAND HATES CATS?!


WITH ALL MY SCARS, I STILL HAVE NO RE-GRETS!


BOOHOO!
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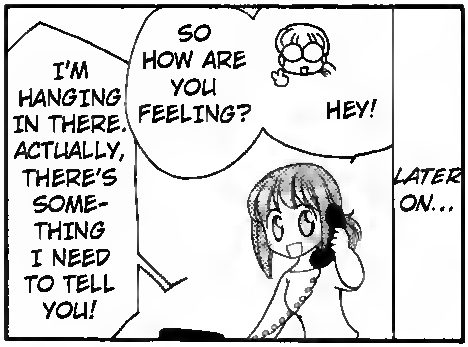
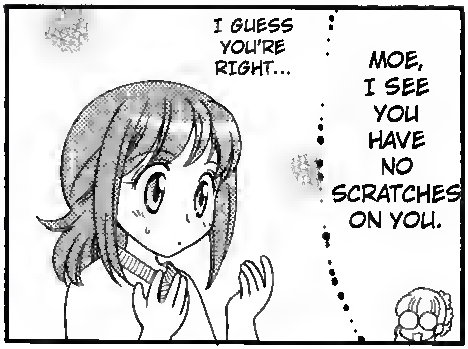
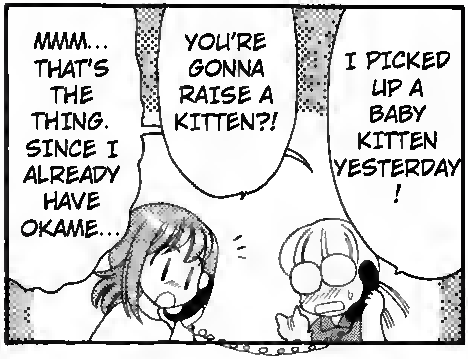
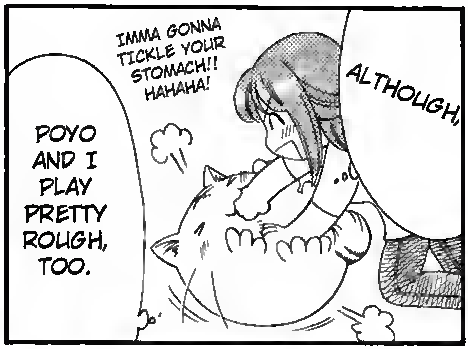
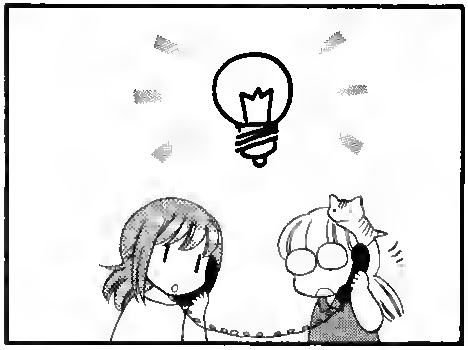
THAT YOU'D EVEN THINK OF TAKING POOR OKAME!
HE'S OLD SO IT'S BETTER THAT HE DOESN'T MOVE!
BUT THE PARENTS WOULD NOT LET HIM GO!

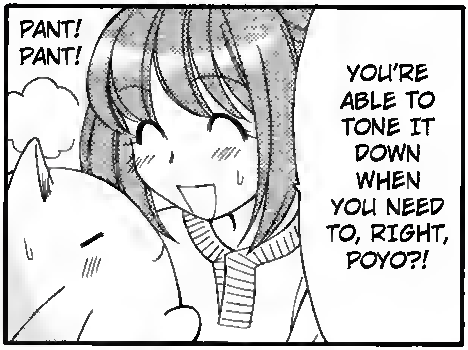

I'M HANGING IN THERE. ACTUALLY, THERE'S SOME-THING I NEED TO TELL YOU!
SO HOW ARE YOU FEELING?
HEY!
LATER ON...

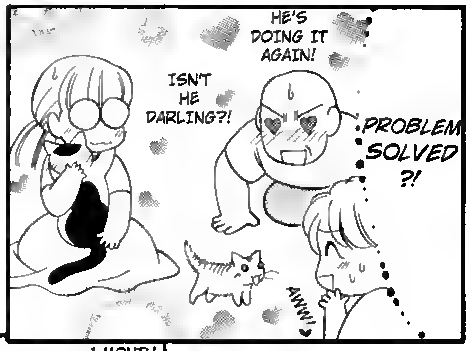

I GUESS YOU'RE RIGHT...
MOE, I SEE YOU HAVE NO SCRATCHES ON YOU.

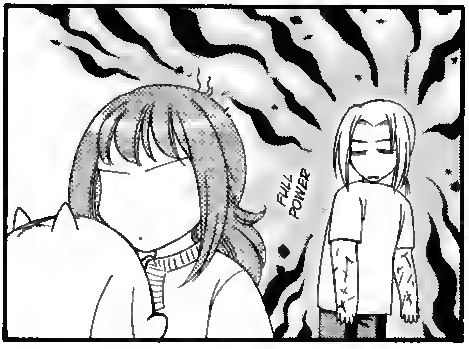

MMM... THAT'S THE THING. SINCE I ALREADY HAVE OKAME...
YOU'RE GONNA RAISE A KITTEN?!
I PICKED UP A BABY KITTEN YESTERDAY!


POYO AND I PLAY PRETTY ROUGH, TOO.
IMMA GONNA TICKLE YOUR STOMACH!! HAHAHA!
ALTHOUGH,

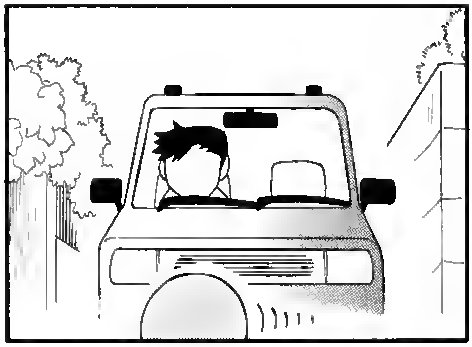


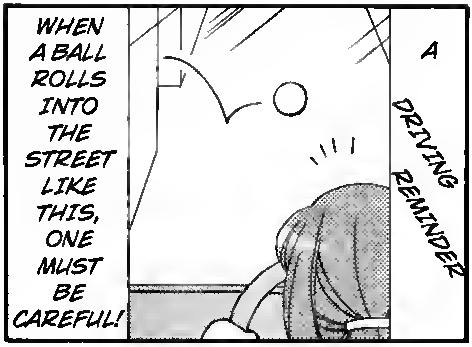

PANT! PANT!
YOU'RE ABLE TO TONE IT DOWN WHEN YOU NEED TO, RIGHT, POYO?!

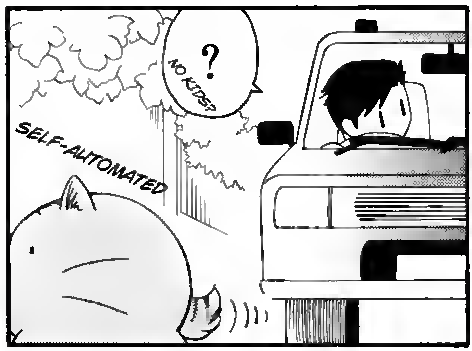

HE'S DOING IT AGAIN!
ISN'T HE DARLING?!
PROBLEM SOLVED?!
AWW!


FULL POWER

IS EX-CHANGED FOR THE KITTEN
1 MONTH LATER, OKAME




A DRIVING REMINDER
WHEN A BALL ROLLS INTO THE STREET LIKE THIS, ONE MUST BE CAREFUL!


SELF-AUTOMATED
NO KITTY?
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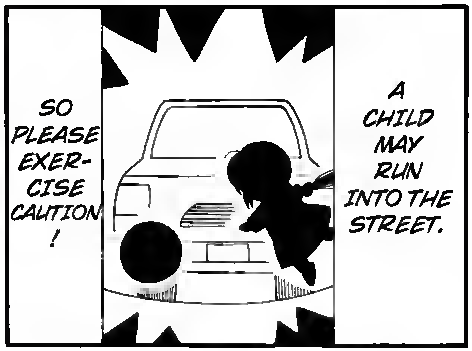
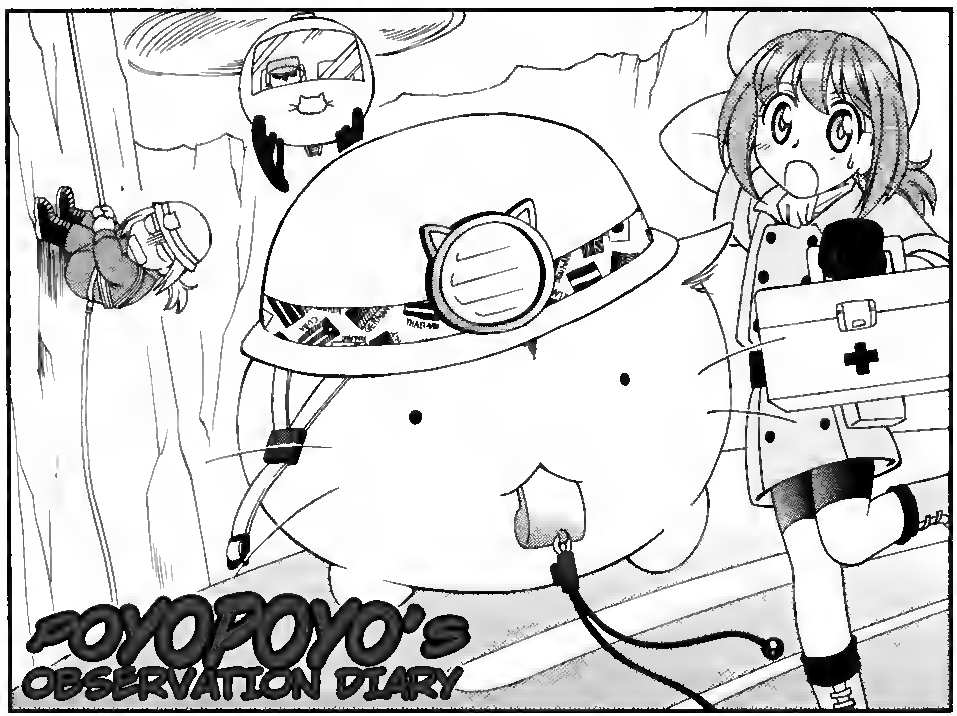
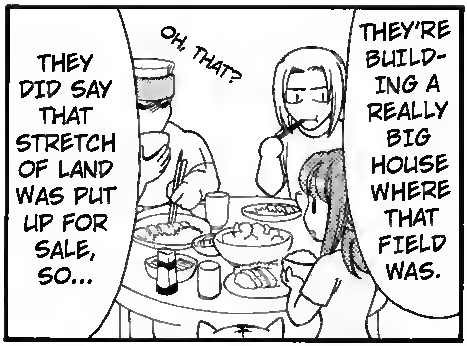
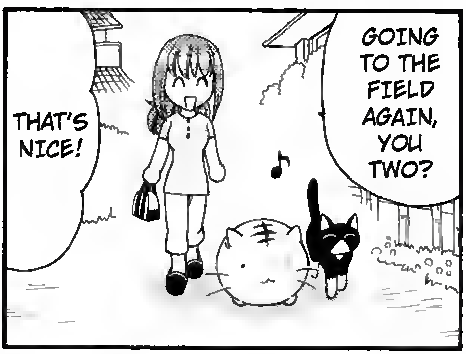

A CHILD MAY RUN INTO THE STREET.
SO PLEASE EXER-CISE CAUTION!

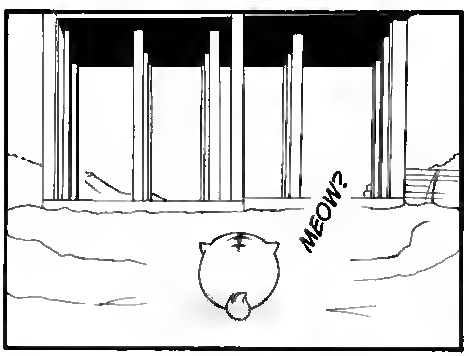

POYOPOYO'S
OBSERVATION DIARY

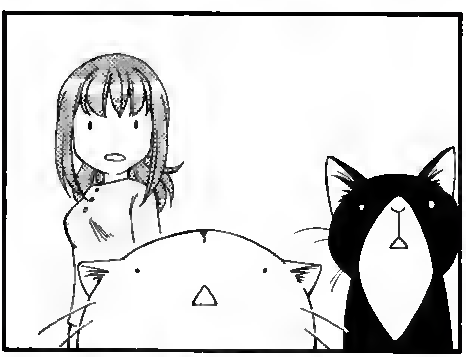

THEY DID SAY THAT STRETCH OF LAND WAS PUT UP FOR SALE, SO...
OH, THAT?
THEY'RE BUILDING A REALLY BIG HOUSE WHERE THAT FIELD WAS.

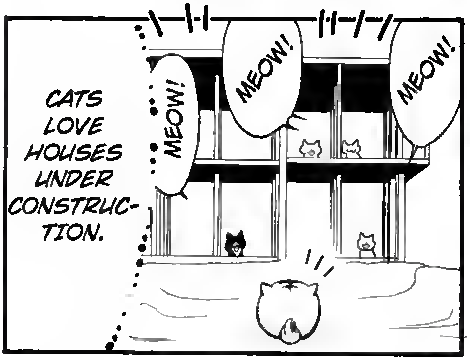
A PLAYFUL ROLLING CAT.
THIS IS POYO SATO.

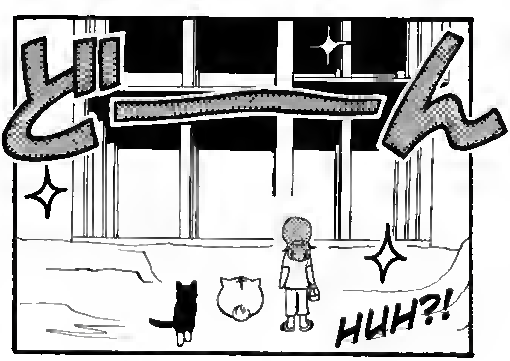
BUT POOR POYO'S HANGOUT SPOT IS GONE NOW...


THAT'S NICE!
GOING TO THE FIELD AGAIN, YOU TWO?


MEOW?




CATS LOVE HOUSES UNDER CONSTRUCTION.
MEOW!
MEOW!
MEOW!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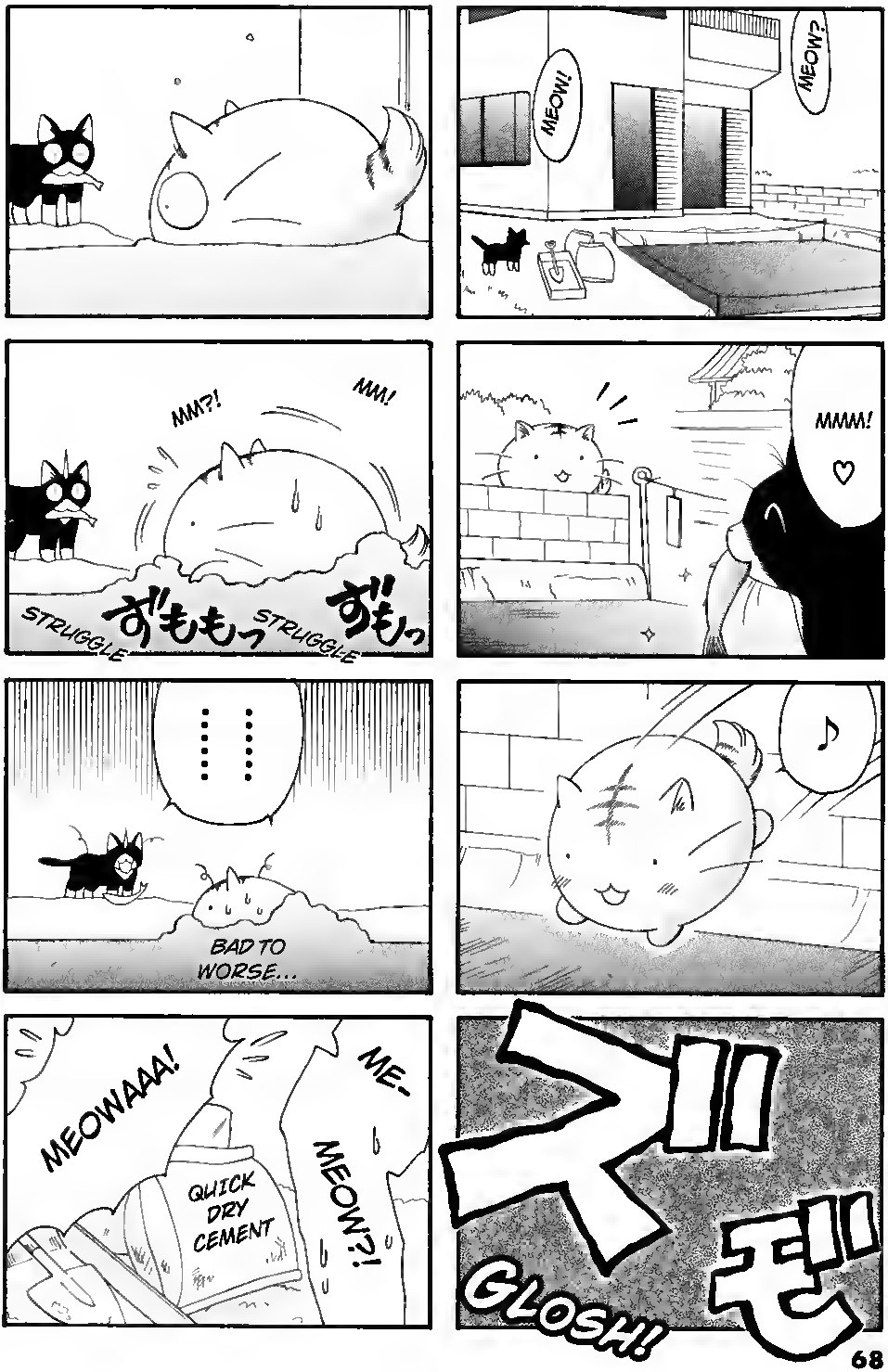
MEOW!
MEOW?
MM?!
MM!
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STRUGGLE
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MMM!
BAD TO WORSE...
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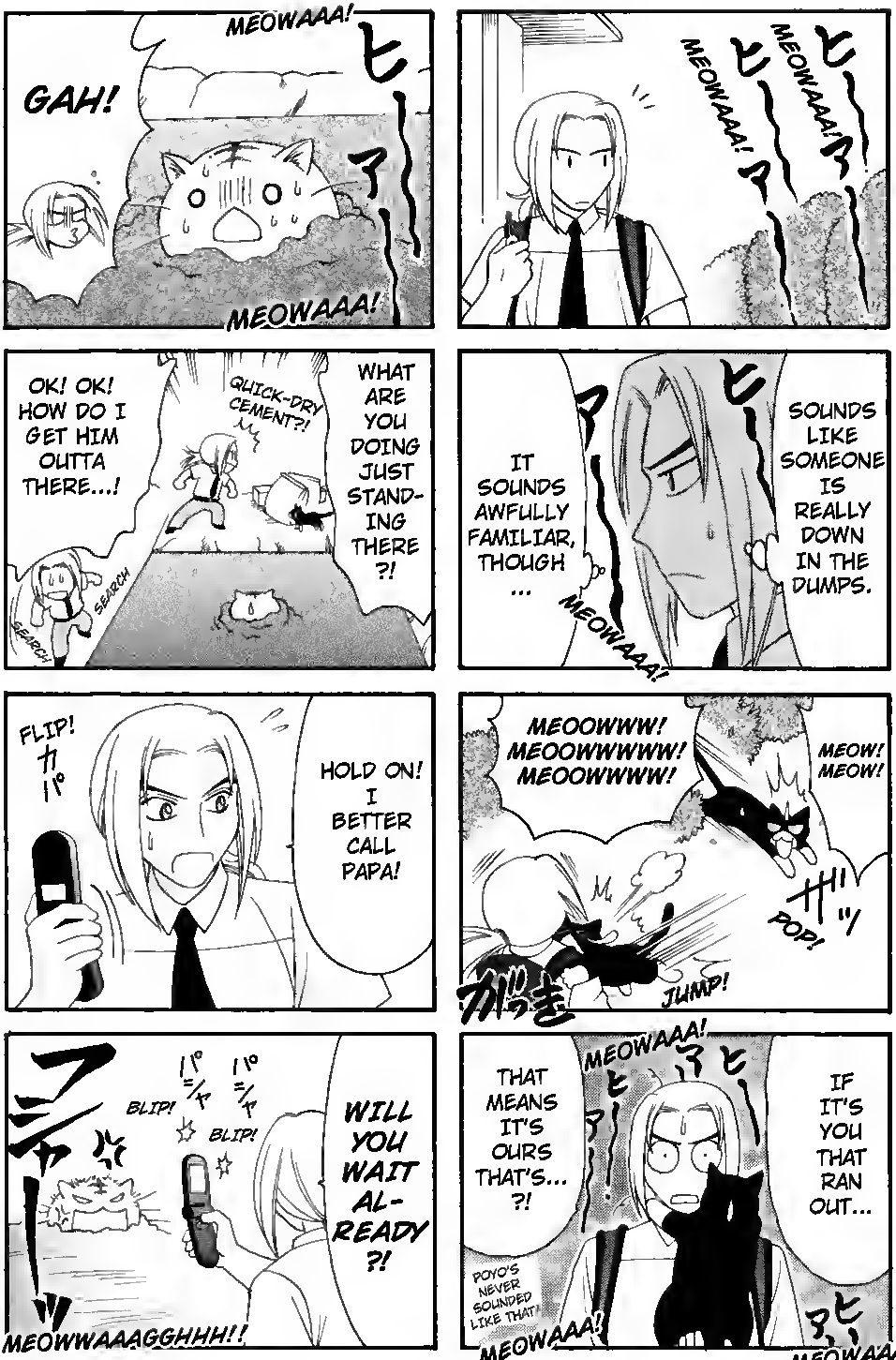
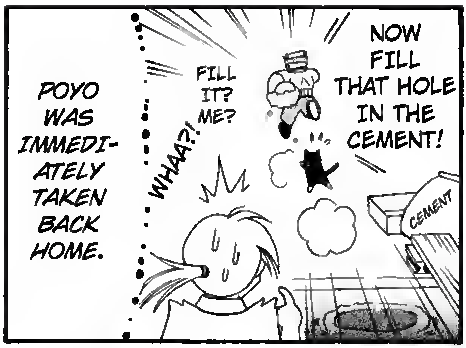
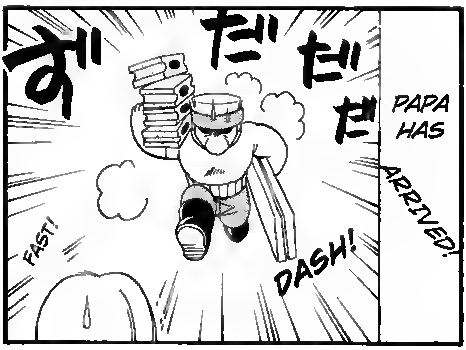
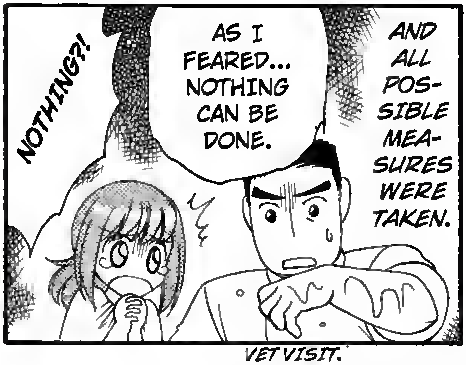
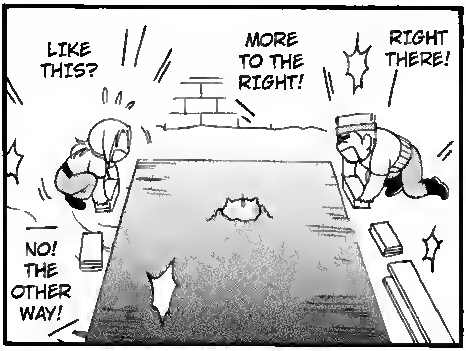
MEOWAAA!
QUICK DRY CEMENT
ME-
MEOW?!
ズモ
GLOSH!


MEOWAAA!
GAH!
MEOWAAA!
MEOWAAA!
MEOWAAA!
MEOWAAA!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING JUST STAND-ING THERE ?!
QUICK-DRY CEMENT?!
OK! OK! HOW DO I GET HIM OUTTA THERE...!
SEARCH!
SEARCH!
SOUNDS LIKE SOMEONE IS REALLY DOWN IN THE DUMPS.
IT SOUNDS AWFULLY FAMILIAR, THOUGH ...
MEOWAAA!
HOLD ON! I BETTER CALL PAPA!
FLIP!
MEOOWWW! MEOOWWWWW! MEOOWWWW!
MEOW! MEOW!
POP!
JUMP!
WILL YOU WAIT AL-READY ?!
BLIP!
BLIP!
MEOWWAAAGGHHH!!
THAT MEANS IT'S OURS THAT'S... ?!
MEOWAAA!
IF IT'S YOU THAT RAN OUT...
POYO'S NEVER SOUNDED LIKE THAT!
MEOWAAA!
MEOWAAA!









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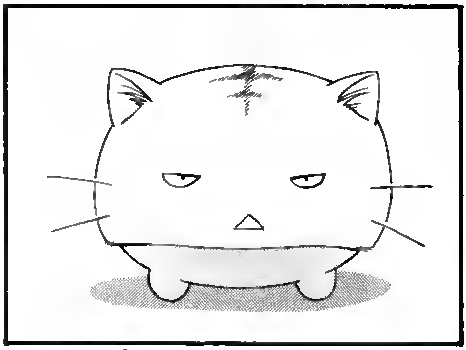
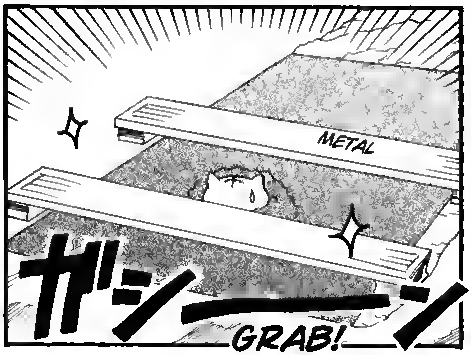
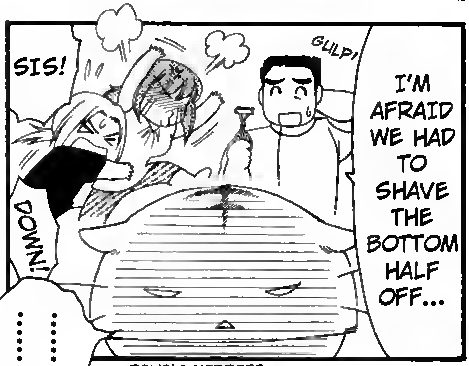
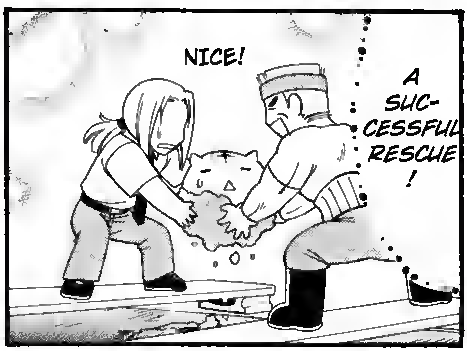
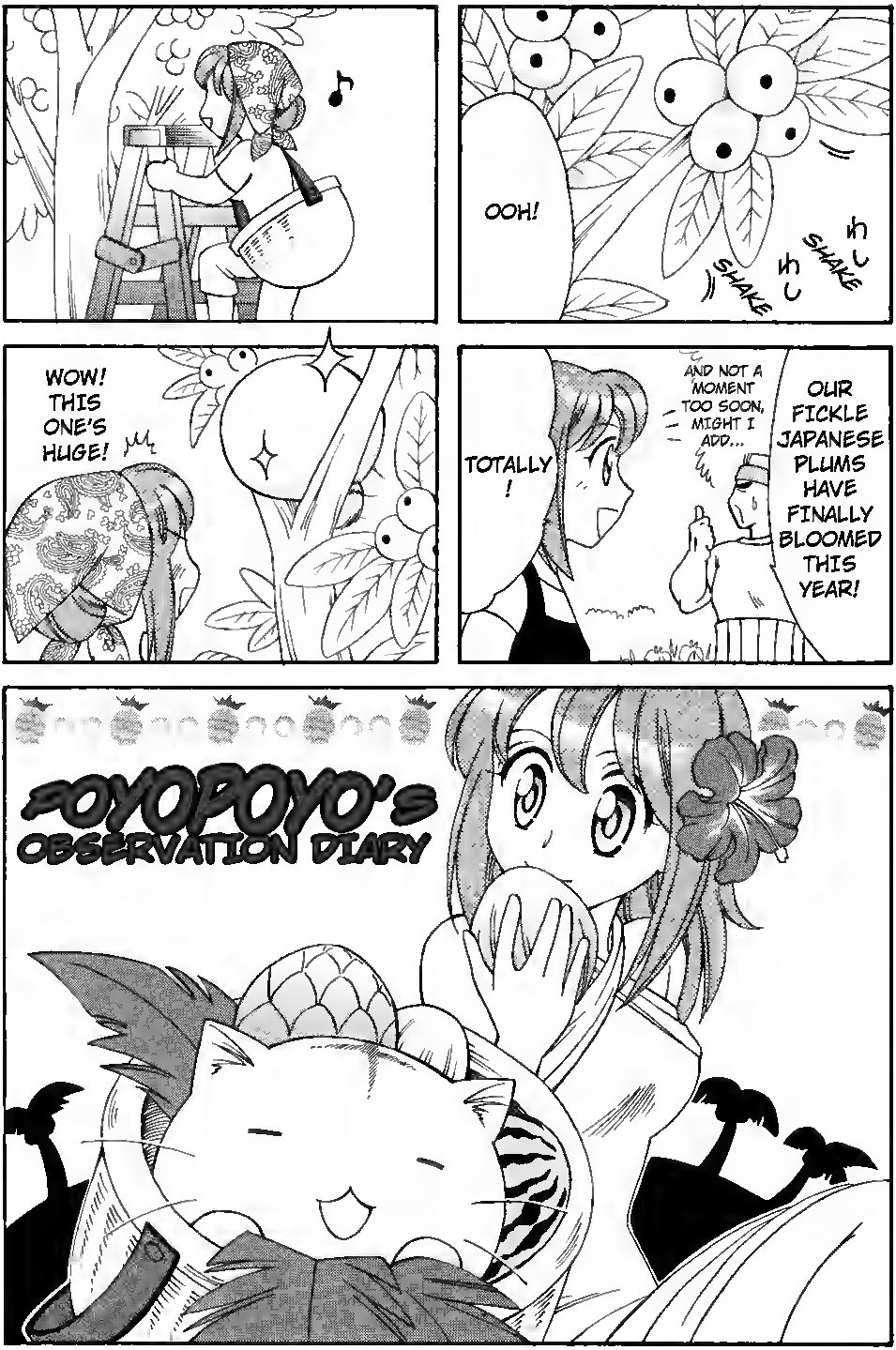


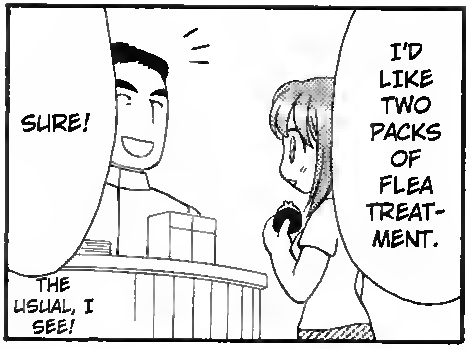


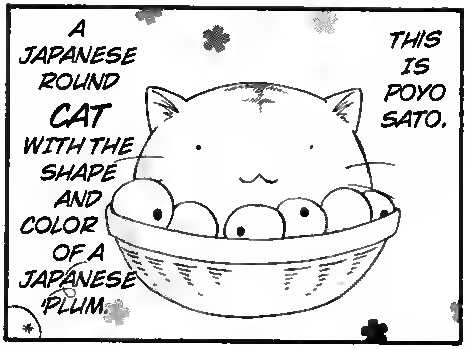


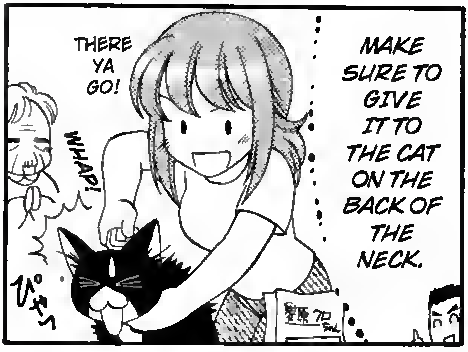
POYO'S MIDRIFF ♥




OOH!
SHAKE
SHAKE
WOW! THIS ONE'S HUGE!
TOTALLY!
AND NOT A MOMENT TOO SOON, MIGHT I ADD...
OUR FICKLE JAPANESE PLUMS HAVE FINALLY BLOOMED THIS YEAR!
POYOPOYO'S OBSERVATION DIARY


I'D LIKE TWO PACKS OF FLEA TREAT-MENT.
SURE!
THE USUAL, I SEE!


THIS IS POYO SATO.
A JAPANESE ROUND CAT WITH THE SHAPE AND COLOR OF A JAPANESE PLUM.


MAKE SURE TO GIVE IT TO THE CAT ON THE BACK OF THE NECK.
THERE YA GO!
WHAP!
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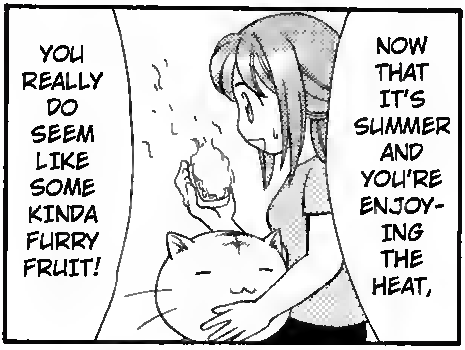
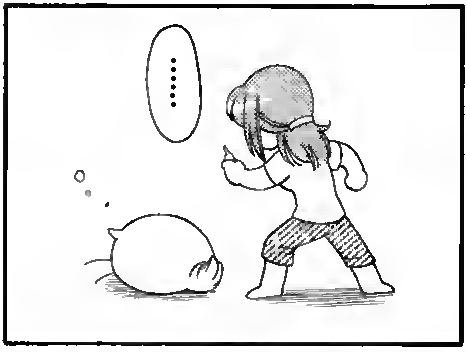

NOW THAT IT'S SUMMER AND YOU'RE ENJOY-ING THE HEAT,
YOU REALLY DO SEEM LIKE SOME KINDA FURRY FRUIT!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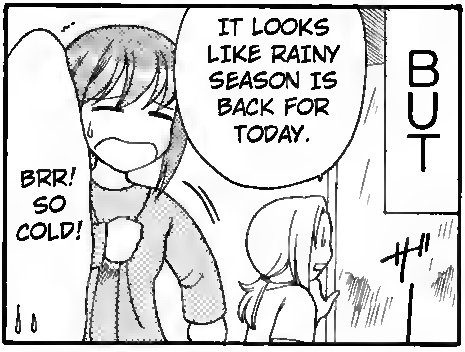
BUT
IT LOOKS LIKE RAINY SEASON IS BACK FOR TODAY.
BRR! SO COLD!

LET'S TRY GIVING IT AROOOUND... HERE TODAY!
WHAP!
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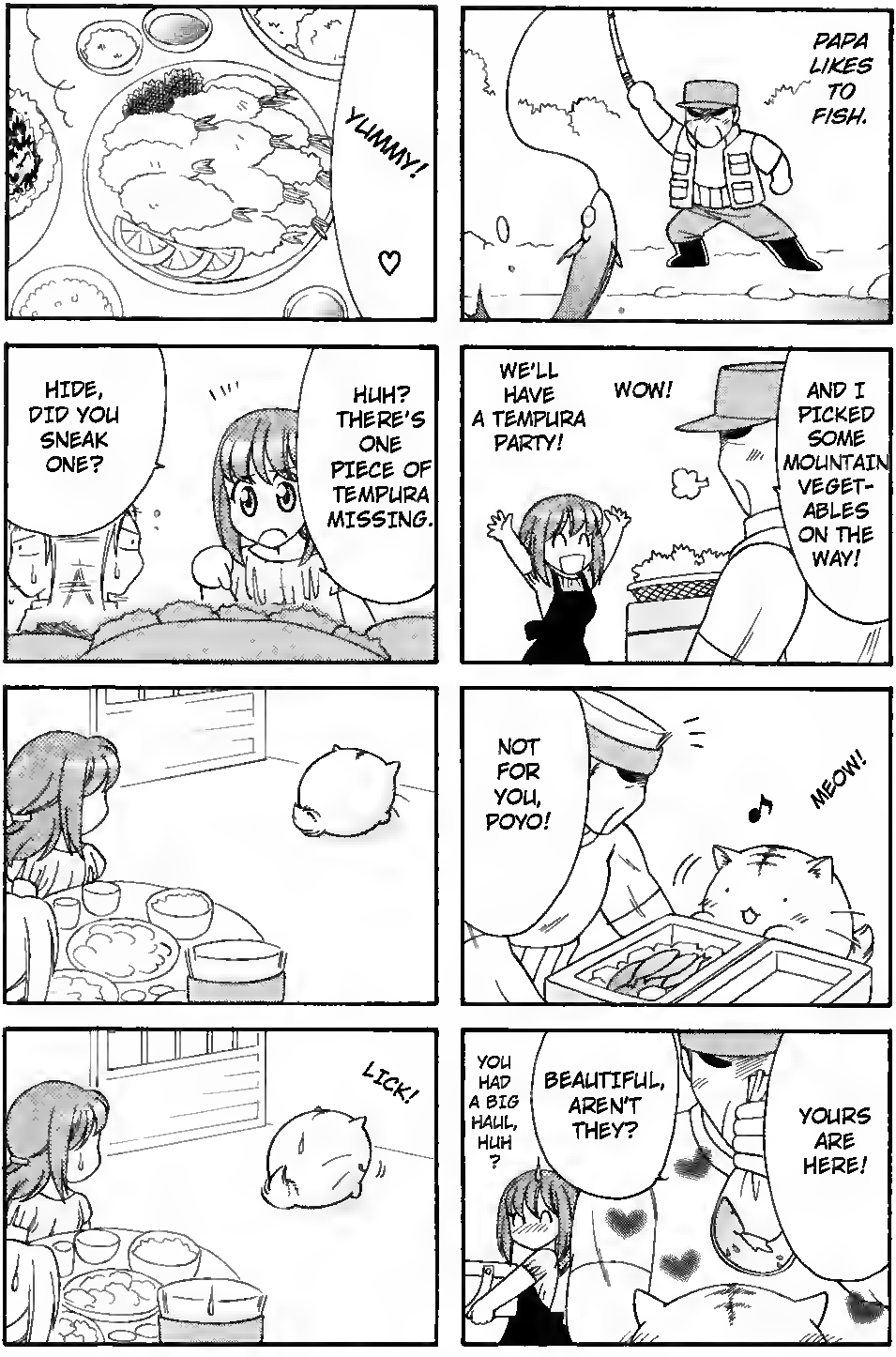
FOR ONE MORE NIGHT...
WINTER COAT TIME
MUST BE TOUGH REGULATING THAT FUR OF YOURS...


YUMMY!
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PAPA LIKES TO FISH.
HIDE, DID YOU SNEAK ONE?
HUH? THERE'S ONE PIECE OF TEMPURA MISSING.
WE'LL HAVE A TEMPURA PARTY!
WOW!
AND I PICKED SOME MOUNTAIN VEGETABLES ON THE WAY!
NOT FOR YOU, POYO!
MEOW!
LICK!
YOU HAD A BIG HAUL, HUH?
BEAUTIFUL, AREN'T THEY?
YOURS ARE HERE!

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STEP
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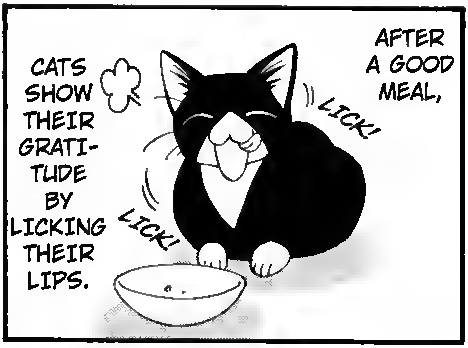
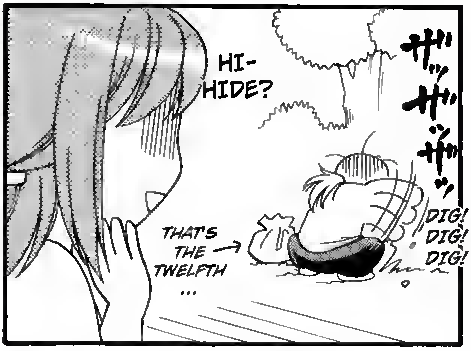
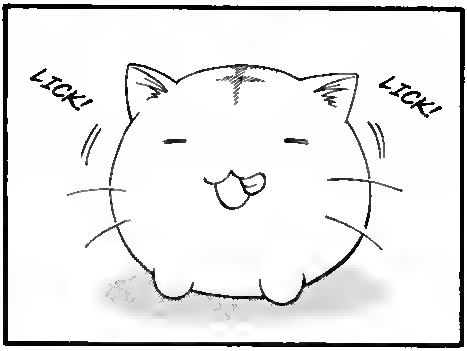
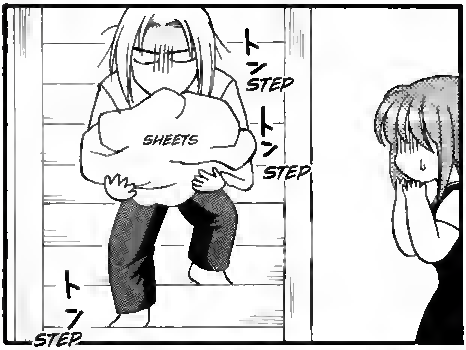

AFTER A GOOD MEAL,
LICK!
LICK!
CATS SHOW THEIR GRATI-TUDE BY LICKING THEIR LIPS.


HI-HIDE?
ザッザッザッ
DIG! DIG! DIG!
THAT'S THE TWELFTH ...


LICK!
LICK!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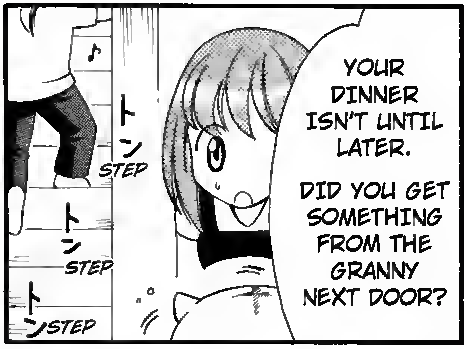
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STEP
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STEP
YOUR DINNER ISN'T UNTIL LATER.
DID YOU GET SOMETHING FROM THE GRANNY NEXT DOOR?

WASH
バッシャ
WASH
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WASH
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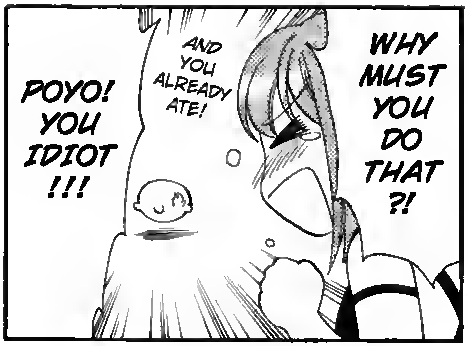
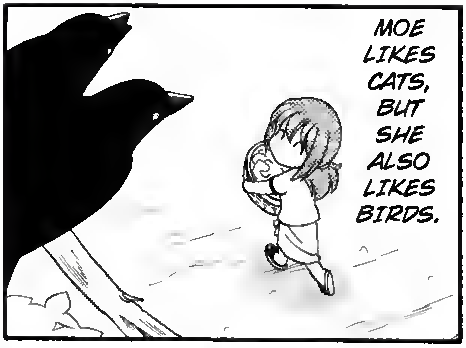
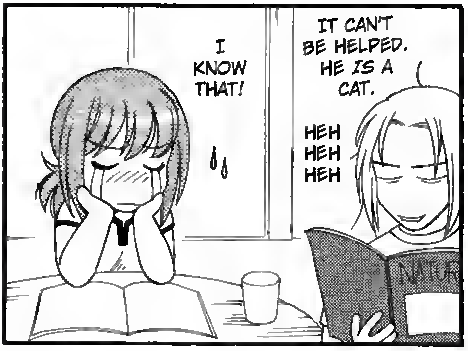
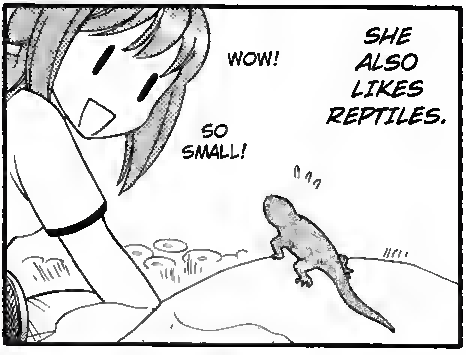
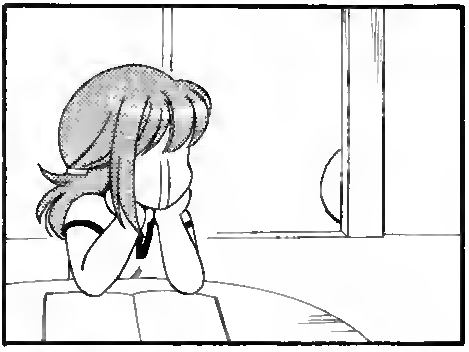
あぁあぁあ!!!
AGHHH!!!

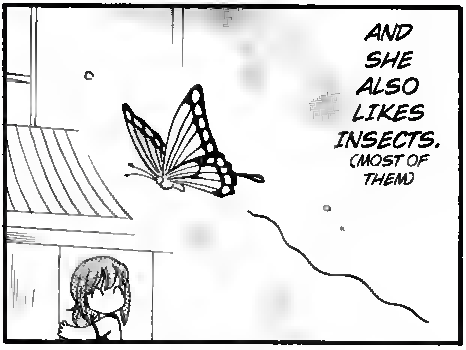

POYO! YOU IDIOT !!!
AND YOU ALREADY ATE!
WHY MUST YOU DO THAT ?!

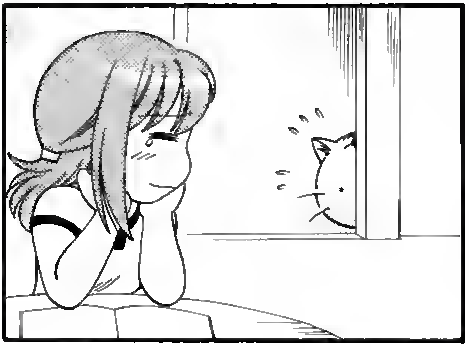

MOE LIKES CATS, BUT SHE ALSO LIKES BIRDS.

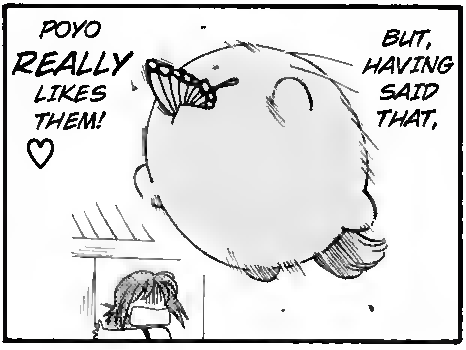

I KNOW THAT!
IT CAN'T BE HELPED. HE IS A CAT.
HEH HEH HEH


WOW!
SHE ALSO LIKES REPTILES.
SO SMALL!




AND SHE ALSO LIKES INSECTS. (MOST OF THEM)




POYO REALLY LIKES THEM! ♡
BUT, HAVING SAID THAT,

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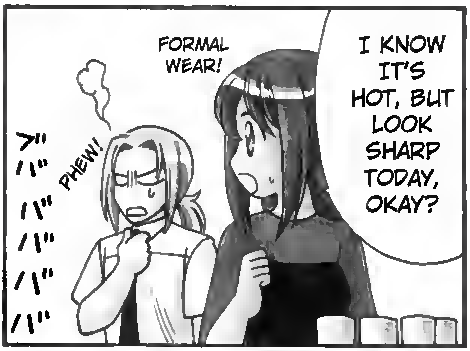
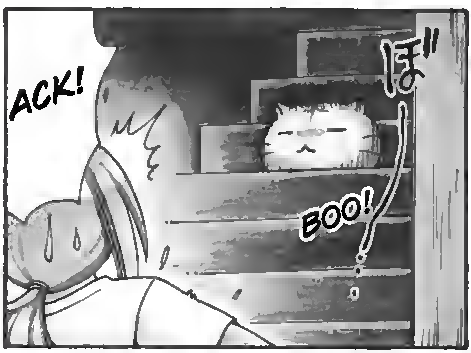
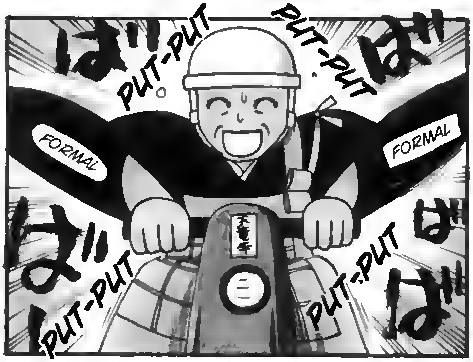
EEP!
HYUK! HYUK! IT'S JUS' AN ANIMAL, BABE!
GLARE!
ナイター
THE COUNTRY-SIDE, AT NIGHT,
IS ESPE-CIALLY DARK.
SEE! JUS' A CAT!
HUH? A CAT?
B-BUT...
PLEASE. STOP! YOU MIGHT BE A TOUGH GUY, BUT I'M SCARED!
NUTHIN'S THERE, BABE! YER BEIN' SCARED FER NUTHIN'!
IT'S JUST THE HEAD !!!
OOOOOO!
ねぼおお
AGH!
POYOPOYO'S OBSERVATION DIARY

HOW MANY YEARS HAS IT BEEN NOW...
HIDE, TIME TO GET READY!
TODAY IS THE BUDDHIST CEREMONY FOR THE DEAD.

THE CAT THAT CAN LOOK LIKE A GHASTLY MONSTER.
THIS IS POYO SATO.


FORMAL WEAR!
I KNOW IT'S HOT, BUT LOOK SHARP TODAY, OKAY?
PHEW!


ACK!
BOO!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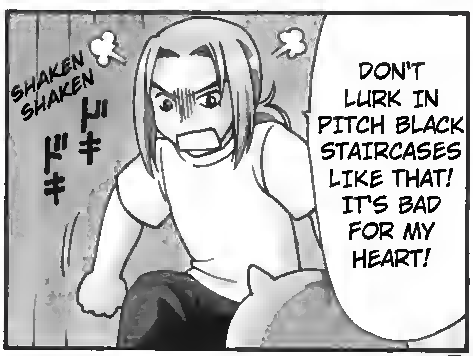
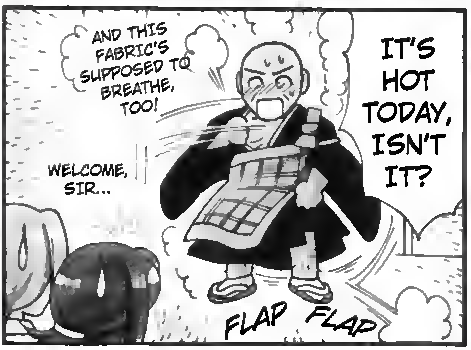
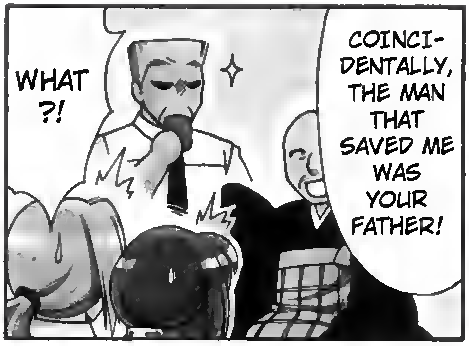
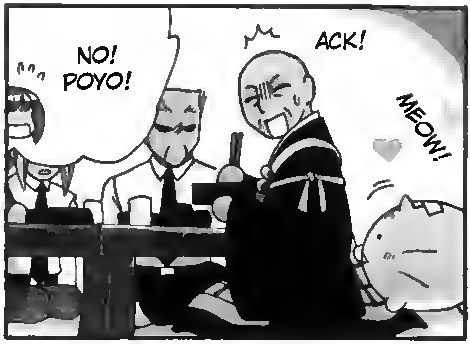

SHAKEN SHAKEN
DON'T LURK IN PITCH BLACK STAIRCASES LIKE THAT! IT'S BAD FOR MY HEART!

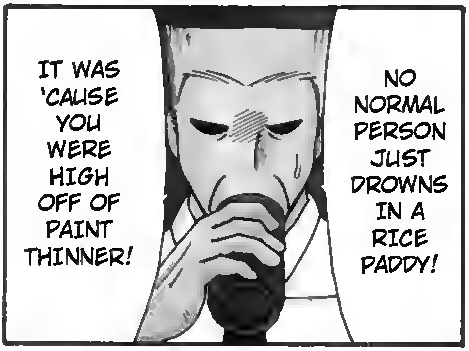

AND THIS FABRIC'S SUPPOSED TO BREATHE, TOO!
IT'S HOT TODAY, ISN'T IT?
WELCOME, SIR...
FLAP FLAP

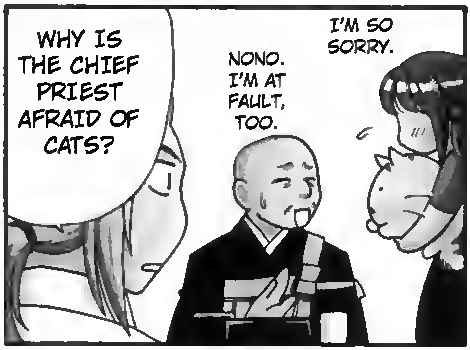
WAAAAHHH!
WHAT THE ...?!
WHOOSH!

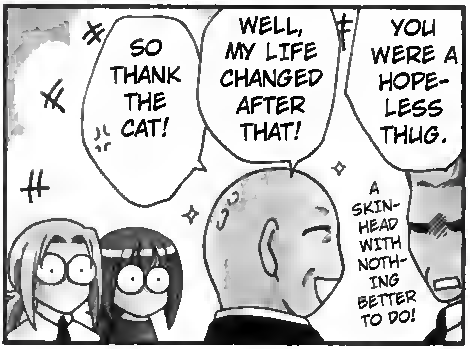
CHANT!
チーン
CHANT!
AHH! IT'S A CAT...
I THINK....
CHANT!
CHANT!
WHAM!
ACK!
OHH?
CLOSE
CHANT!
CHANT!
MAYBE HE FEELS AN AFFINITY WITH THE ROUND HEAD?
CATS ARE SCARY!
GO AWAY!
EVEN THOUGH HE'S A STRANGER, POYO'S ALL RELAXED AND FRIENDLY AROUND HIM!

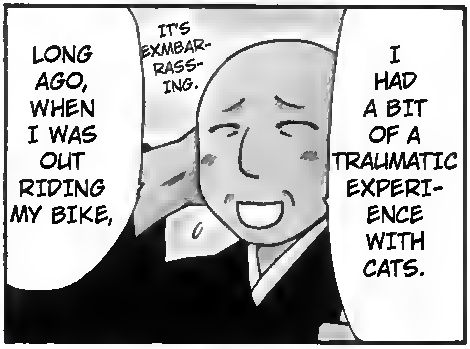

WHAT ?!
COINCI-DENTALLY, THE MAN THAT SAVED ME WAS YOUR FATHER!

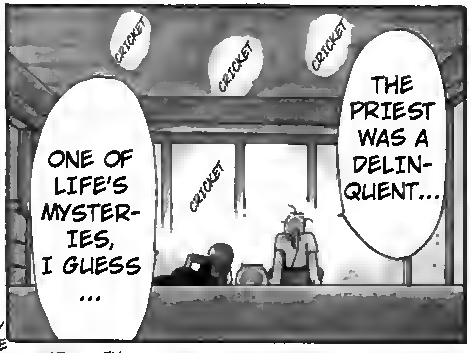

NO! POYO!
ACK!
MEOW!


IT WAS 'CAUSE YOU WERE HIGH OFF OF PAINT THINNER!
NO NORMAL PERSON JUST DROWNS IN A RICE PADDY!


WHY IS THE CHIEF PRIEST AFRAID OF CATS?
NONO. I'M AT FAULT, TOO.
I'M SO SORRY.


SO THANK THE CAT!
WELL, MY LIFE CHANGED AFTER THAT!
YOU WERE A HOPE-LESS THUG.
A SKIN-HEAD WITH NOTH-ING BETTER TO DO!


LONG AGO, WHEN I WAS OUT RIDING MY BIKE,
IT'S EXMBAR-RASS-ING.
I HAD A BIT OF A TRAUMATIC EXPERI-ENCE WITH CATS.


CRICKET
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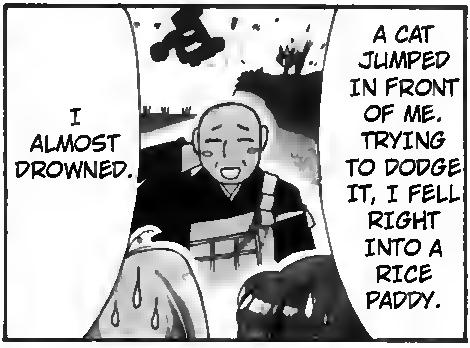
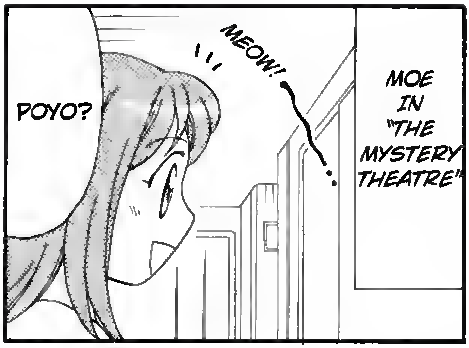
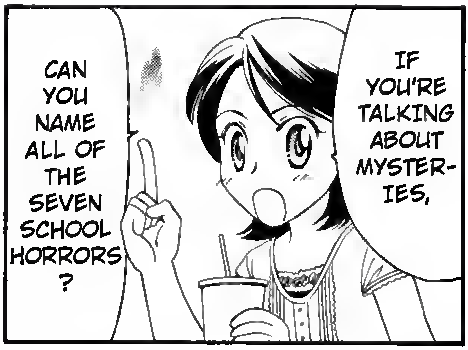
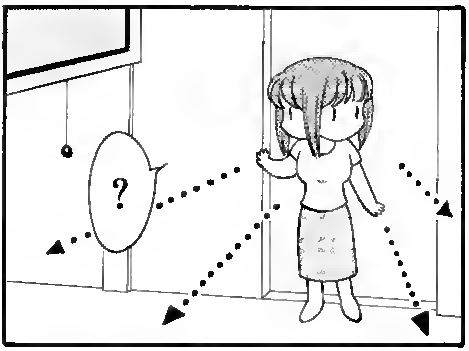
ONE OF LIFE'S MYSTER-IES, I GUESS ...
THE PRIEST WAS A DELIN-QUENT...


I ALMOST DROWNED.
A CAT JUMPED IN FRONT OF ME. TRYING TO DODGE IT, I FELL RIGHT INTO A RICE PADDY.

THEY WERE CALLED THE "KAMINARI" GANG.
IN THOSE DAYS


POYO?
MEOW!!!
MOE IN "THE MYSTERY THEATRE"


IF YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT MYSTERIES,
CAN YOU NAME ALL OF THE SEVEN SCHOOL HORRORS?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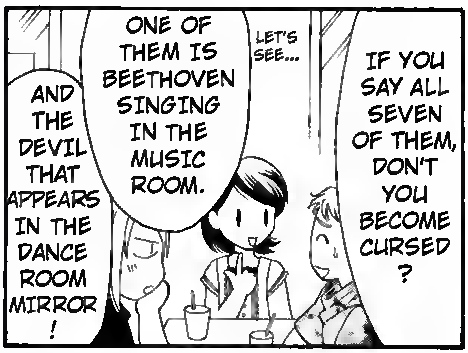
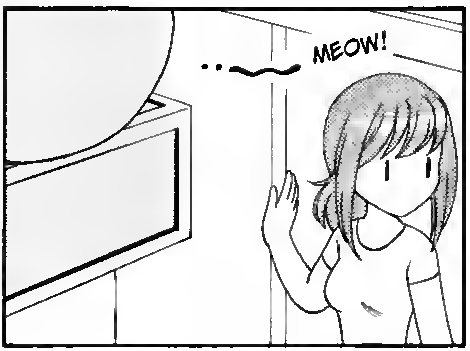

IF YOU SAY ALL SEVEN OF THEM, DON'T YOU BECOME CURSED?
LET'S SEE...
ONE OF THEM IS BEETHOVEN SINGING IN THE MUSIC ROOM.
AND THE DEVIL THAT APPEARS IN THE DANCE ROOM MIRROR!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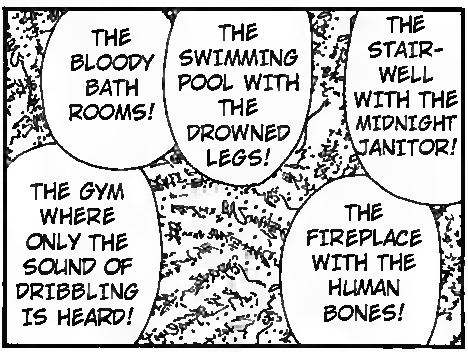
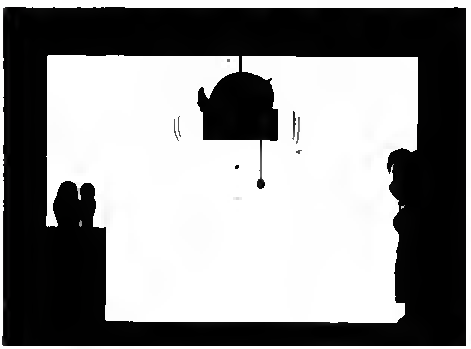
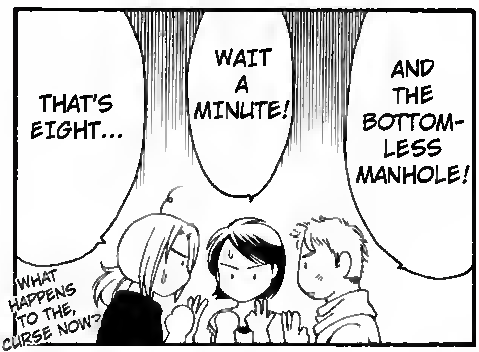
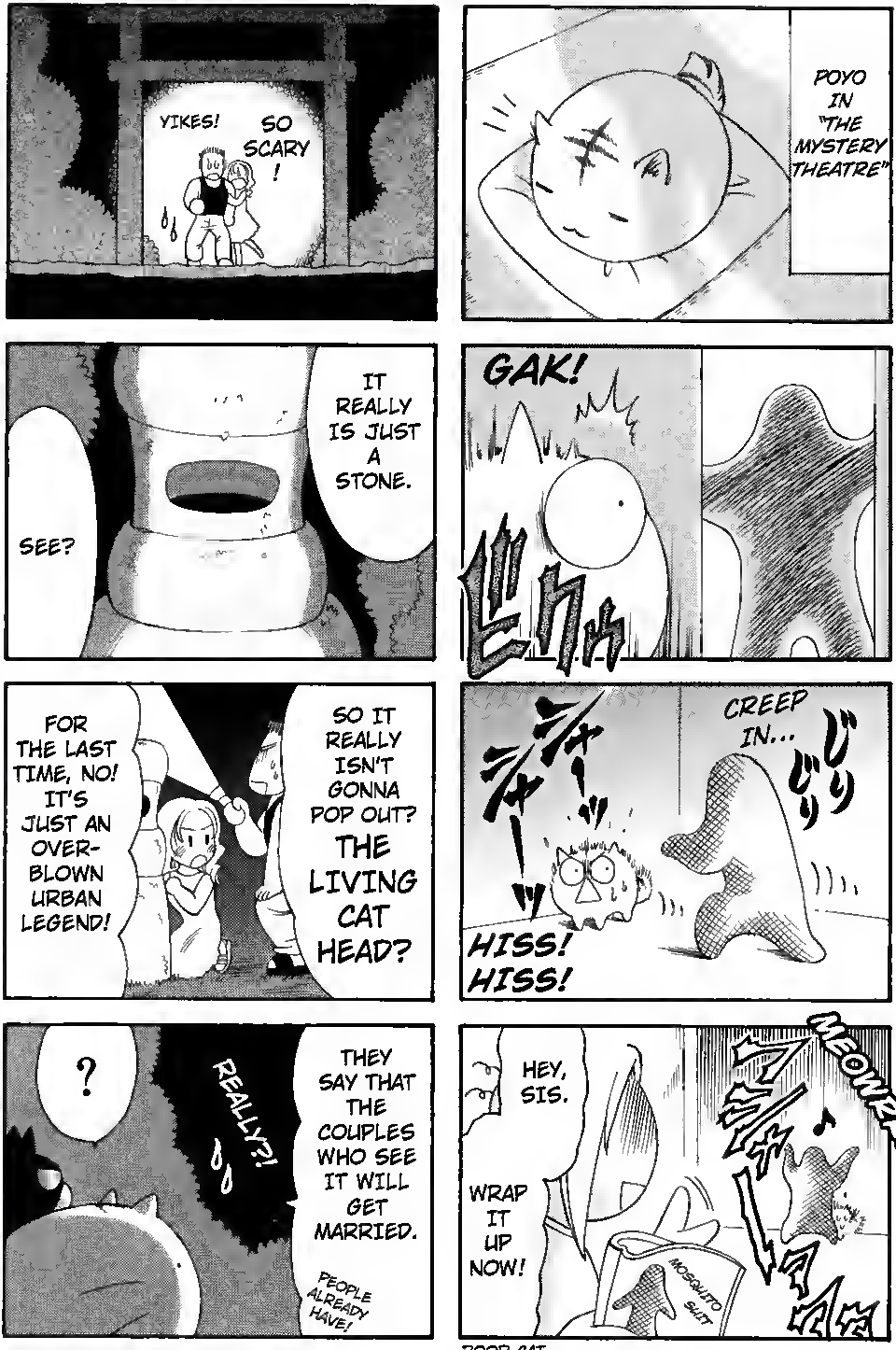

THE STAIR-WELL WITH THE MIDNIGHT JANITOR!
THE SWIMMING POOL WITH THE DROWNED LEGS!
THE BLOODY BATH ROOMS!
THE FIREPLACE WITH THE HUMAN BONES!
THE GYM WHERE ONLY THE SOUND OF DRIBBLING IS HEARD!




AND THE BOTTOM-LESS MANHOLE!
WAIT A MINUTE!
THAT'S EIGHT...
WHAT HAPPENS TO THE CURSE NOW?


YIKES!
SO SCARY!
POYO IN "THE MYSTERY THEATRE"
IT REALLY IS JUST A STONE.
SEE?
GAK!
ビカ
SO IT REALLY ISN'T GONNA POP OUT? THE LIVING CAT HEAD?
FOR THE LAST TIME, NO! IT'S JUST AN OVER-BLOWN URBAN LEGEND!
CREEP IN...
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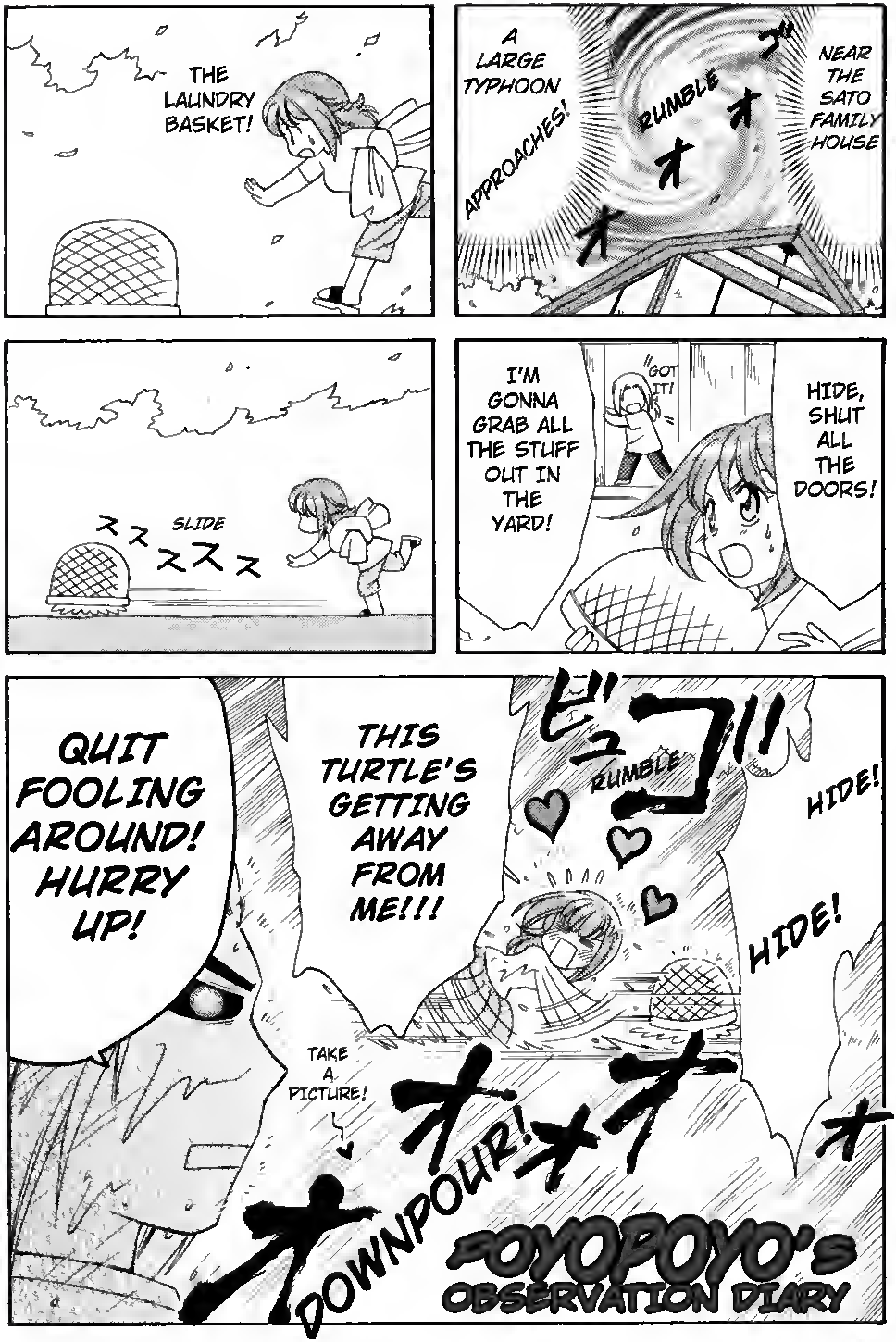
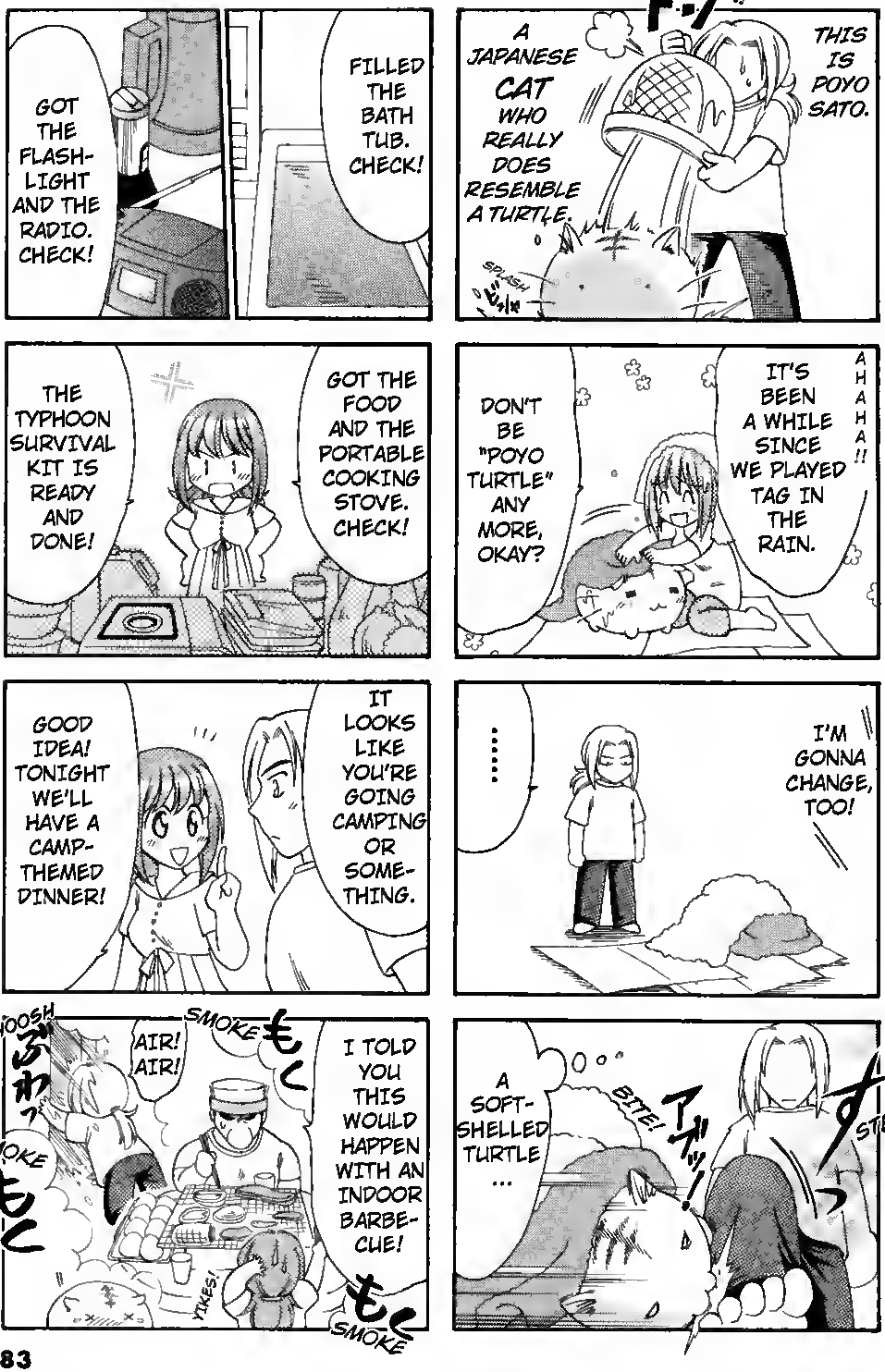
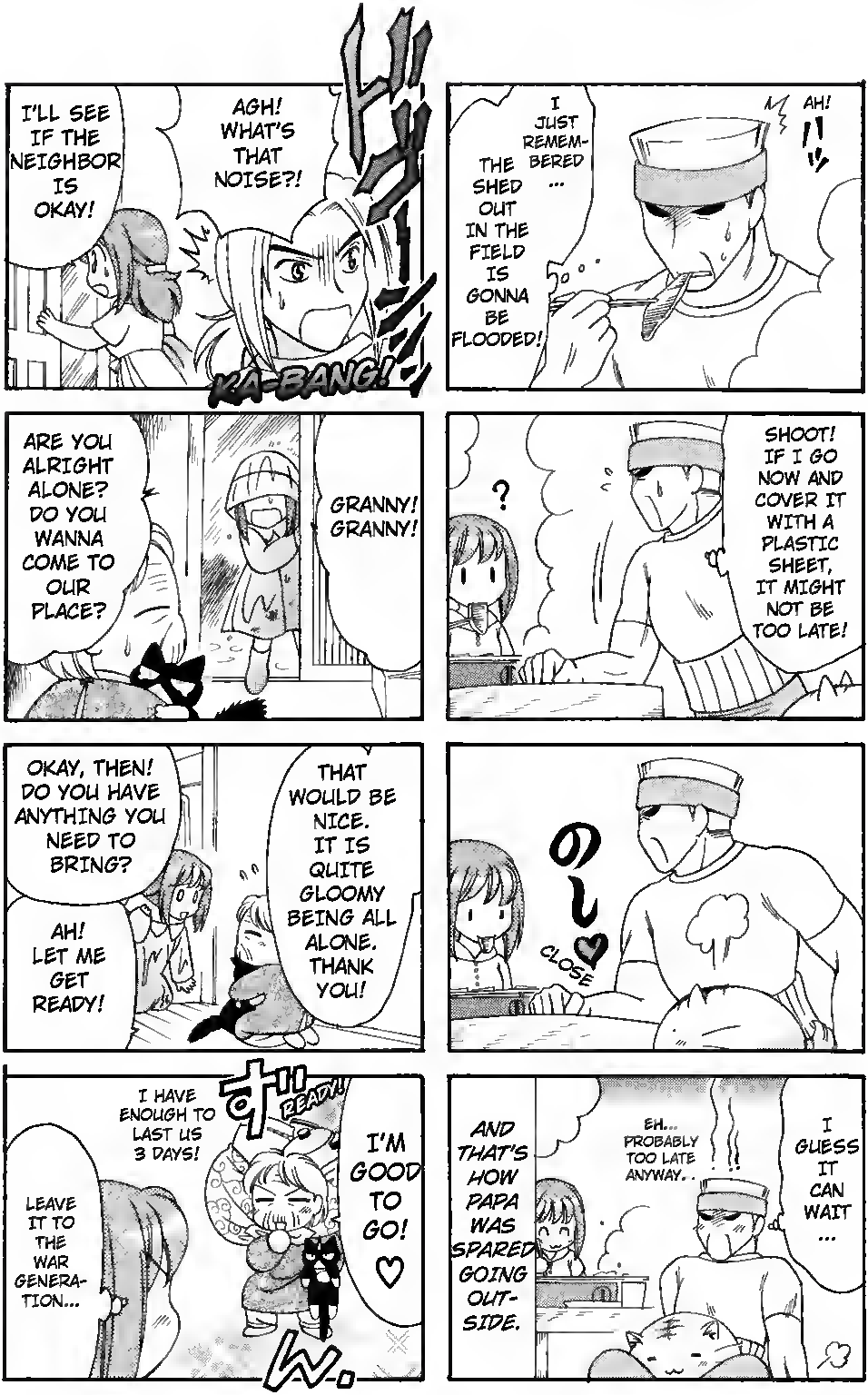
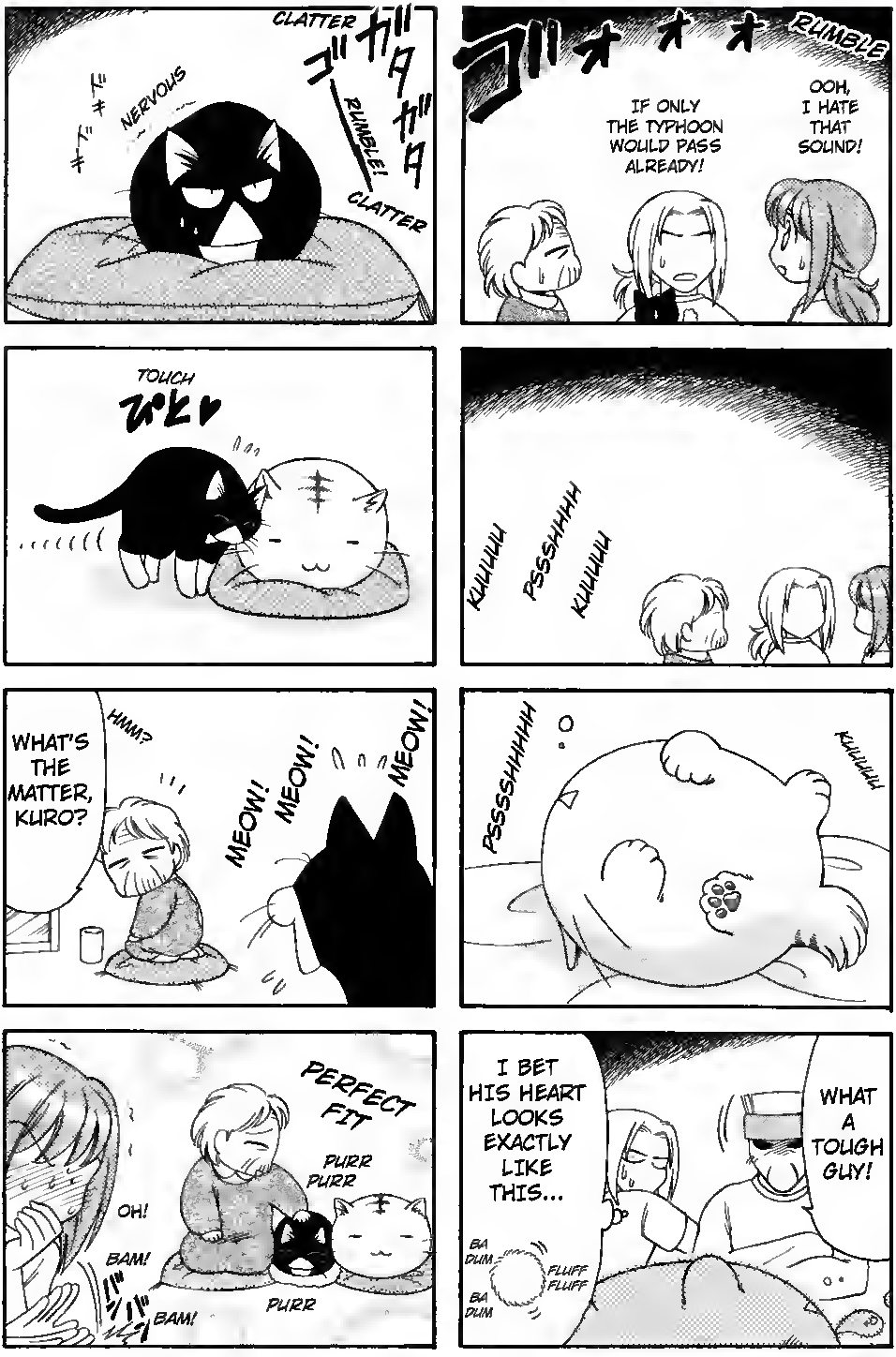
HISS! HISS!
THEY SAY THAT THE COUPLES WHO SEE IT WILL GET MARRIED.
PEOPLE ALREADY HAVE!
REALLY?!
?
HEY, SIS.
WRAP IT UP NOW!
MOSQUITO SUIT
MEOW!!
POOR CAT...


THE LAUNDRY BASKET!
A LARGE TYPHOON APPROACHES!
RUMBLE
NEAR THE SATO FAMILY HOUSE
SLIDE
I'M GONNA GRAB ALL THE STUFF OUT IN THE YARD!
GOT IT!
HIDE, SHUT ALL THE DOORS!
QUIT FOOLING AROUND! HURRY UP!
THIS TURTLE'S GETTING AWAY FROM ME!!!
ビュー!!
RUMBLE
HIDE!
HIDE!
TAKE A PICTURE!
DOWNPOUR!
POYOPOYO'S OBSERVATION DIARY


GOT THE FLASH-LIGHT AND THE RADIO. CHECK!
FILLED THE BATH TUB. CHECK!
DON!
THIS IS POYO SATO.
A JAPANESE CAT WHO REALLY DOES RESEMBLE A TURTLE.
SPLASH
THE TYPHOON SURVIVAL KIT IS READY AND DONE!
GOT THE FOOD AND THE PORTABLE COOKING STOVE. CHECK!
DON'T BE "POYO TURTLE" ANY MORE, OKAY?
IT'S BEEN A WHILE SINCE WE PLAYED TAG IN THE RAIN.
AHAHAHA!!
GOOD IDEA! TONIGHT WE'LL HAVE A CAMP-THEMED DINNER!
IT LOOKS LIKE YOU'RE GOING CAMPING OR SOME-THING.
.....
I'M GONNA CHANGE, TOO!
WHOOSH
SMOKE
AIR! AIR!
SMOKE
I TOLD YOU THIS WOULD HAPPEN WITH AN INDOOR BARBE-CUE!
YIKES!
SMOKE
A SOFT-SHELLED TURTLE ...
BITE!
STEP


I'LL SEE IF THE NEIGHBOR IS OKAY!
AGH! WHAT'S THAT NOISE?!
KA-BANG!
AH!
I JUST REMEMBERED...
THE SHED OUT IN THE FIELD IS GONNA BE FLOODED!
ARE YOU ALRIGHT ALONE? DO YOU WANNA COME TO OUR PLACE?
GRANNY! GRANNY!
?
SHOOT! IF I GO NOW AND COVER IT WITH A PLASTIC SHEET, IT MIGHT NOT BE TOO LATE!
OKAY, THEN! DO YOU HAVE ANYTHING YOU NEED TO BRING?
AH! LET ME GET READY!
THAT WOULD BE NICE. IT IS QUITE GLOOMY BEING ALL ALONE. THANK YOU!
のし♥
CLOSE
LEAVE IT TO THE WAR GENERATION...
I HAVE ENOUGH TO LAST US 3 DAYS!
READY!
I'M GOOD TO GO! ♥
AND THAT'S HOW PAPA WAS SPARED GOING OUTSIDE.
EH... PROBABLY TOO LATE ANYWAY...
I GUESS IT CAN WAIT...


CLATTER
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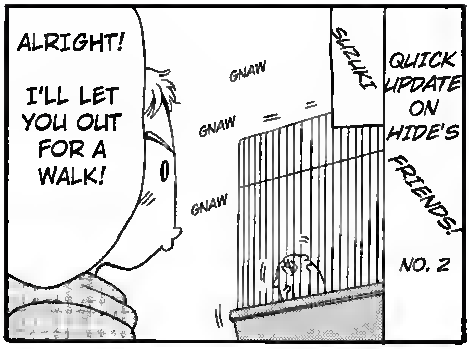
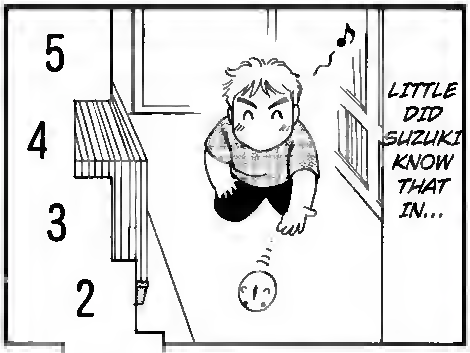
RUMBLE!
CLATTER
NERVOUS
ドキドキ
ゴロォォォ
RUMBLE
IF ONLY THE TYPHOON WOULD PASS ALREADY!
OOH, I HATE THAT SOUND!
TOUCH
ぴと♥
KUUUUU
PSSSHHHH
KUUUUU
WHAT'S THE MATTER, KURO?
HMM?
MEOW!
MEOW!
MEOW!
PSSSHHHHH
KUUUUU
IT'S JUST TOO CUTE!
BAM!
BAM!
OH!
PERFECT FIT
PURR PURR
PURR
I BET HIS HEART LOOKS EXACTLY LIKE THIS...
BA DUM
BA DUM
FLUFF FLUFF
WHAT A TOUGH GUY!


ALRIGHT!
I'LL LET YOU OUT FOR A WALK!
GNAW
GNAW
GNAW
SUZUKI
QUICK UPDATE ON HIDE'S FRIENDS!
NO. 2

GUST
EEEEEK!
NNAK!
QUICK UPDATE ON HIDE'S FRIENDS!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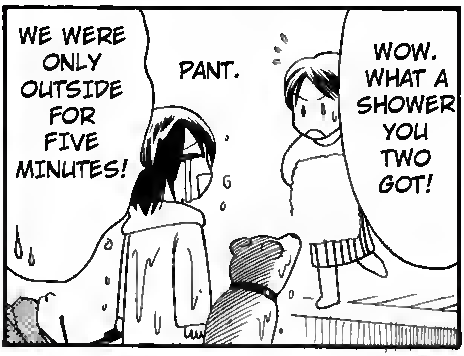
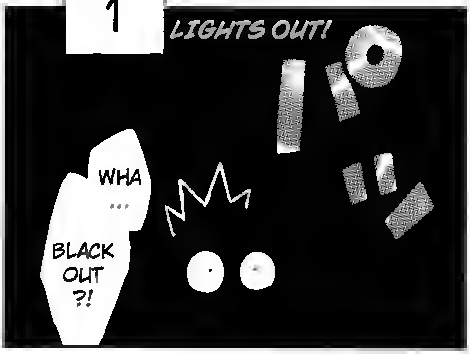
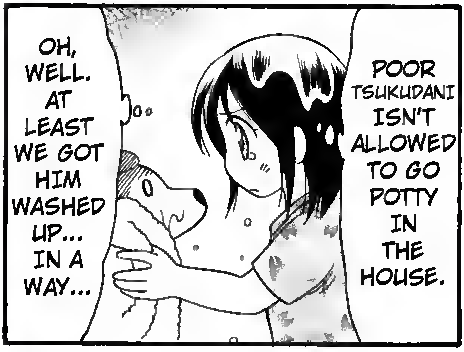
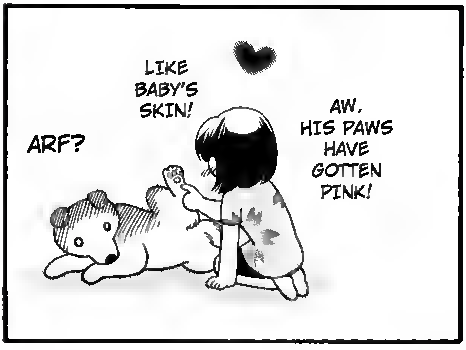
4
3
2
1
LITTLE DID SUZUKI KNOW THAT IN...

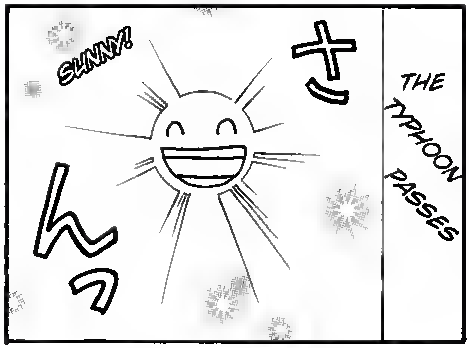

WE WERE ONLY OUTSIDE FOR FIVE MINUTES!
PANT.
WOW. WHAT A SHOWER YOU TWO GOT!

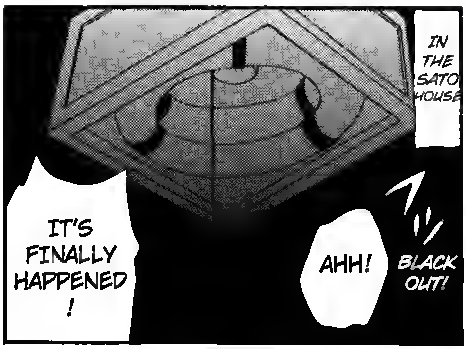

LIGHTS OUT!
WHA...
BLACK OUT?!

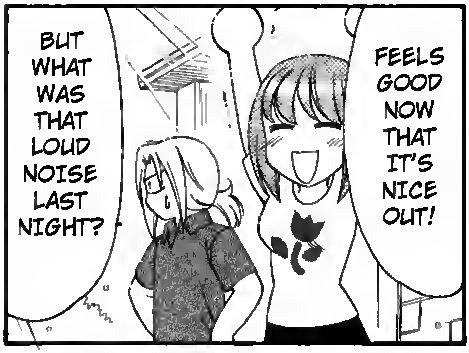

OH, WELL. AT LEAST WE GOT HIM WASHED UP... IN A WAY...
POOR TSUKUDANI ISN'T ALLOWED TO GO POTTY IN THE HOUSE.

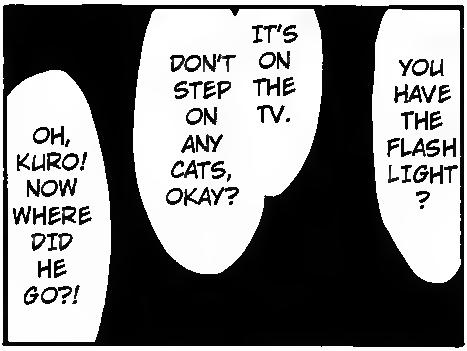
IN THE PITCH-BLACK DARKNESS,
SUZUKI LOSES HIS HAMSTER...

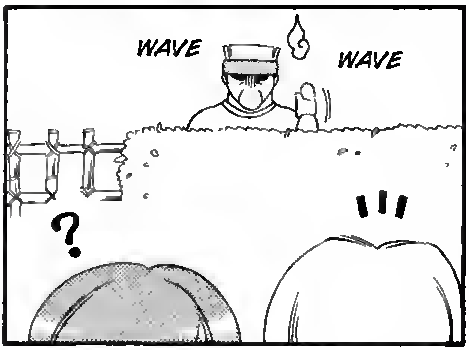

ARF?
LIKE BABY'S SKIN!
AW, HIS PAWS HAVE GOTTEN PINK!


SHINY!
THE TYPHOON PASSES


IN THE SATO HOUSE
IT'S FINALLY HAPPENED!
AHH!
BLACK OUT!


BUT WHAT WAS THAT LOUD NOISE LAST NIGHT?
FEELS GOOD NOW THAT IT'S NICE OUT!


OH, KURO! NOW WHERE DID HE GO?!
DON'T STEP ON ANY CATS, OKAY?
IT'S ON THE TV.
YOU HAVE THE FLASH LIGHT?


WAVE
WAVE
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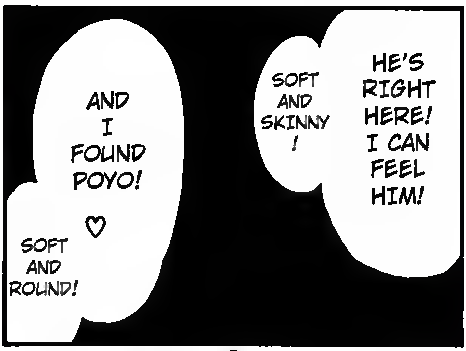
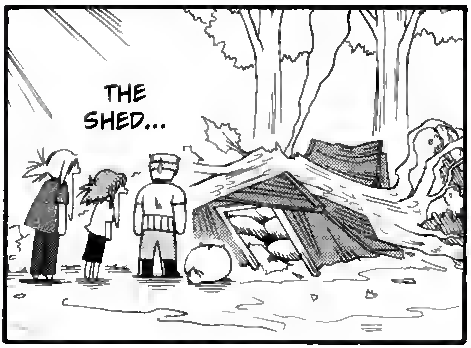

AND I FOUND POYO!
SOFT AND ROUND!
SOFT AND SKINNY!
HE'S RIGHT HERE! I CAN FEEL HIM!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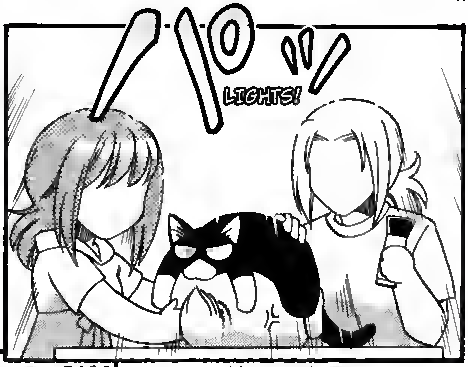
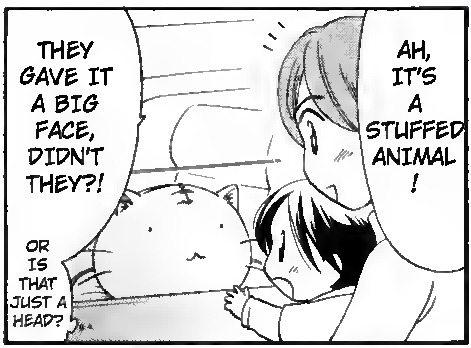
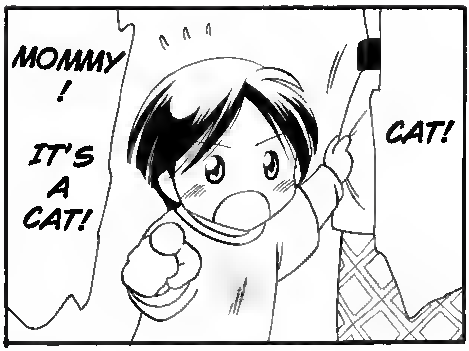
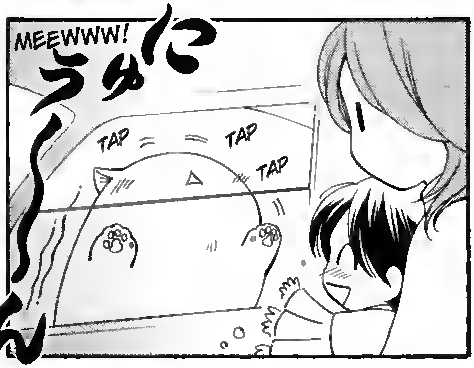
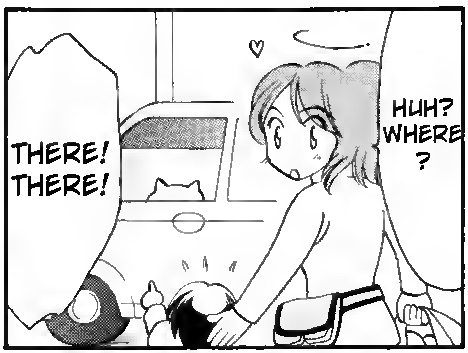

LIGHTS!
THAT'S NOT RIGHT

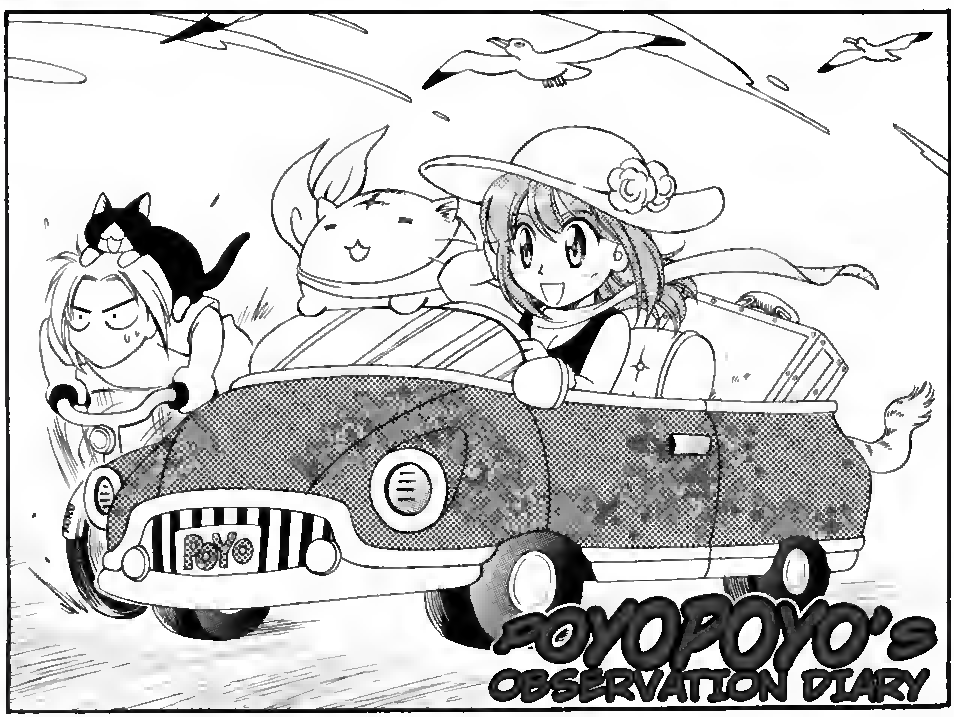
RAGE
FINALLY FED UP!


THEY GAVE IT A BIG FACE, DIDN'T THEY?!
OR IS THAT JUST A HEAD?
AH, IT'S A STUFFED ANIMAL!


MOMMY! IT'S A CAT!
CAT!


MEEWWW!
うぬに
TAP
TAP
TAP


THERE! THERE!
HUH? WHERE?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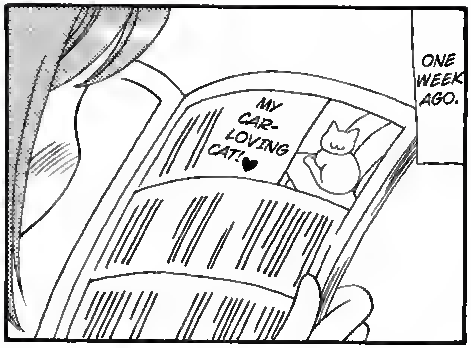
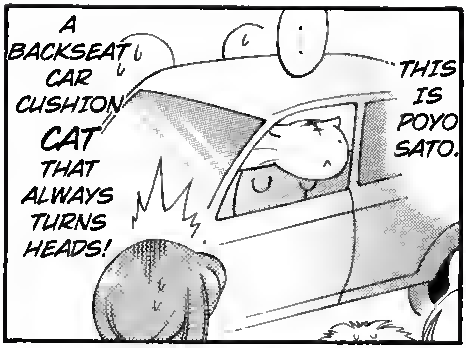
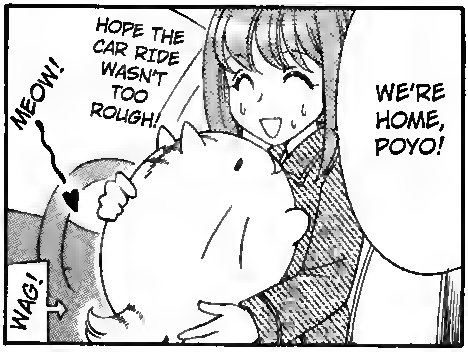
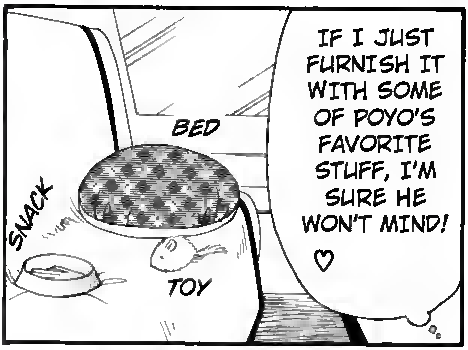
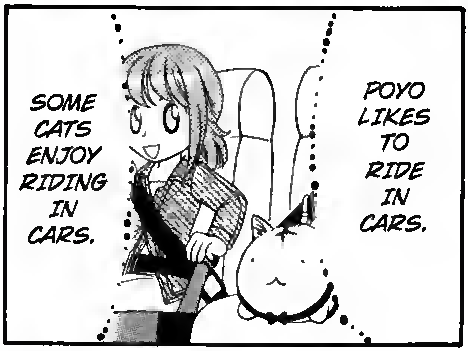

ONE WEEK AGO.
MY CAR-LOVING CAT!♥

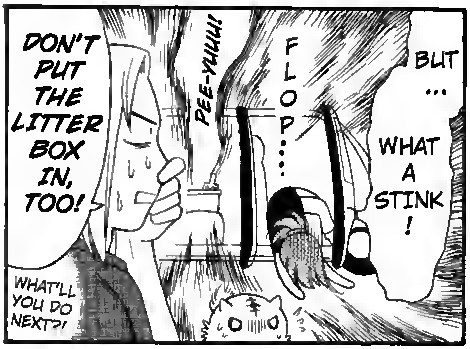

A BACKSEAT CAR CUSHION CAT THAT ALWAYS TURNS HEADS!
THIS IS POYO SATO.

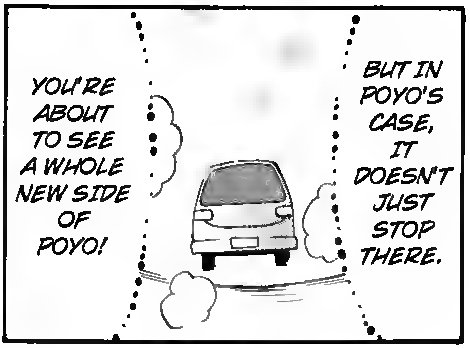
A DRIVE OUT WITH POYO ! ♡
THIS COULD BE GOOD!

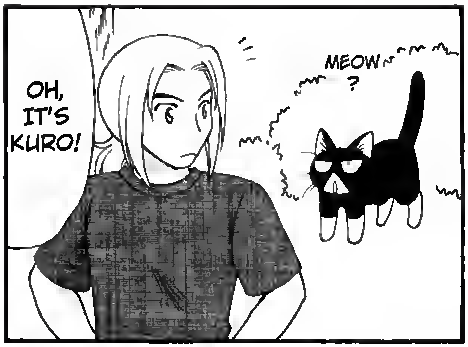

MEOW! ♥
HOPE THE CAR RIDE WASN'T TOO ROUGH!
WAG!
WE'RE HOME, POYO!

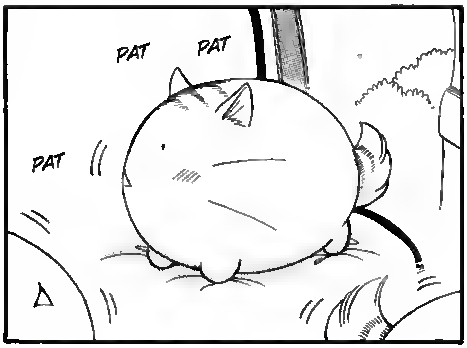

BED
SNACK
TOY
IF I JUST FURNISH IT WITH SOME OF POYO'S FAVORITE STUFF, I'M SURE HE WON'T MIND! ♡

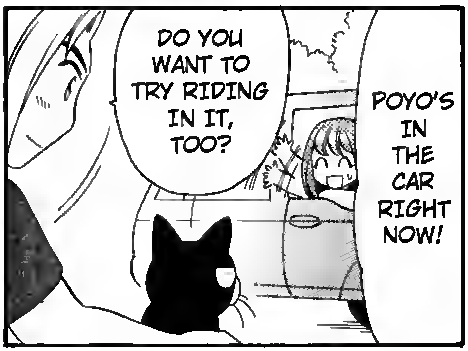

SOME CATS ENJOY RIDING IN CARS.
POYO LIKES TO RIDE IN CARS.

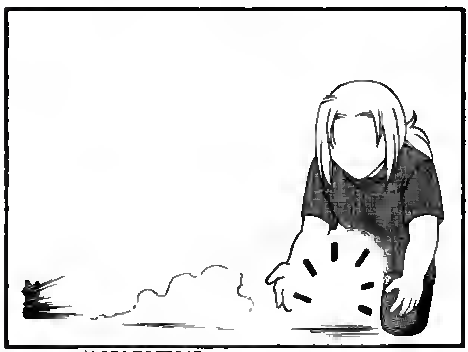

DON'T PUT THE LITTER BOX IN, TOO!
PEE-YUUU!
FLOP...
BUT ...
WHAT A STINK!
WHAT'LL YOU DO NEXT?!


YOU'RE ABOUT TO SEE A WHOLE NEW SIDE OF POYO!
BUT IN POYO'S CASE, IT DOESN'T JUST STOP THERE.

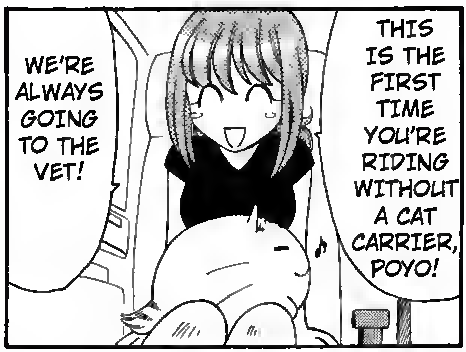




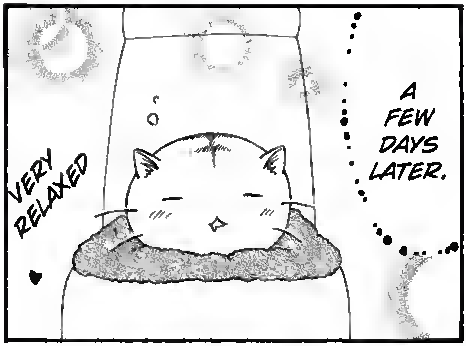


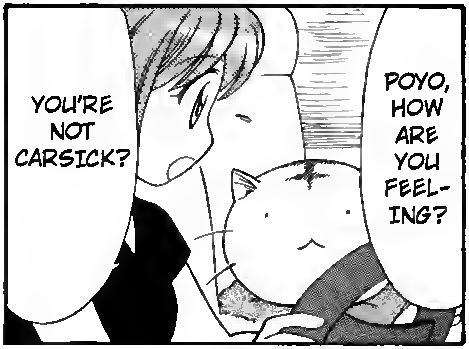


HASTY RETREAT

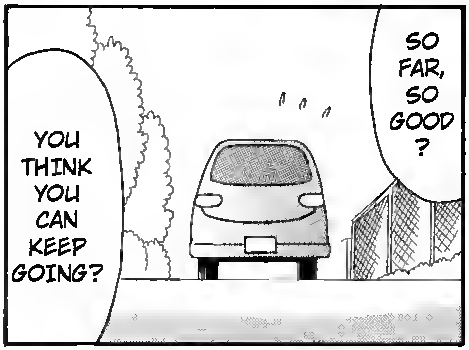


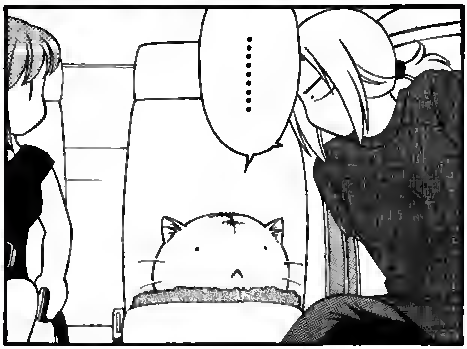
CLAWS READY!

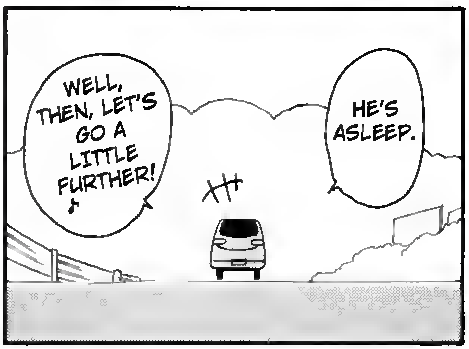


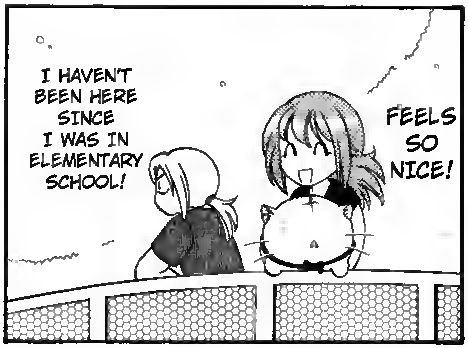


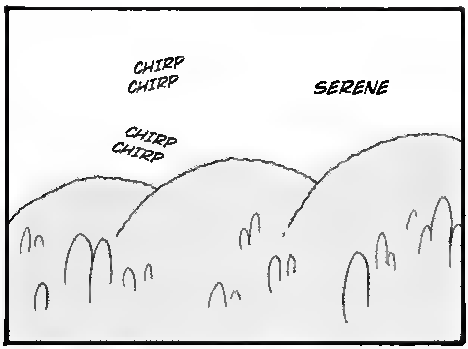
BUT SINCE I HAVE NOTHING BETTER TO DO...

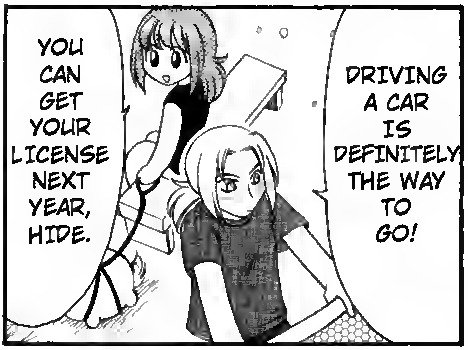


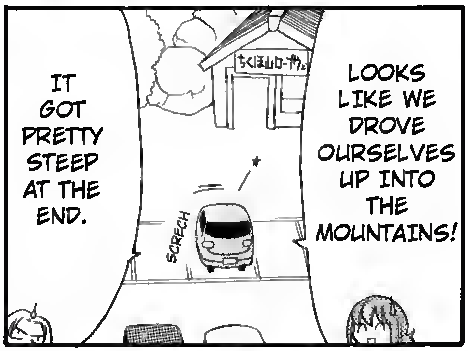


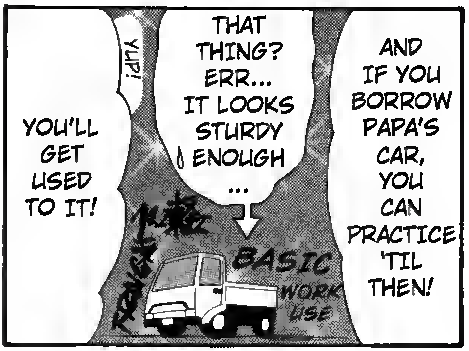


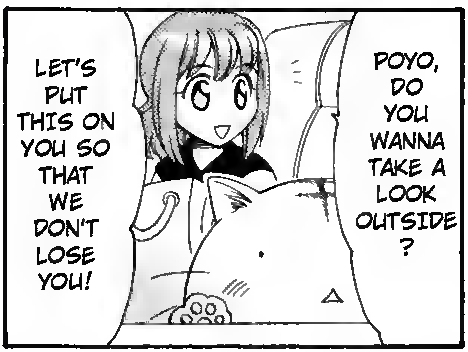

I HAVEN'T BEEN HERE SINCE I WAS IN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL!
FEELS SO NICE!

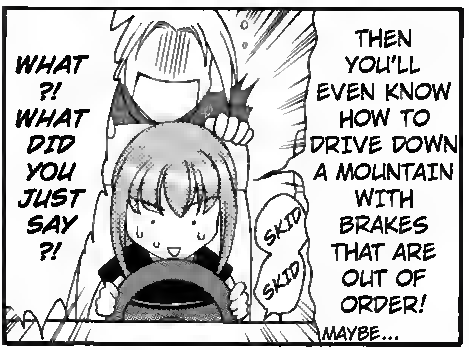

CHIRP CHIRP
CHIRP CHIRP
SERENE

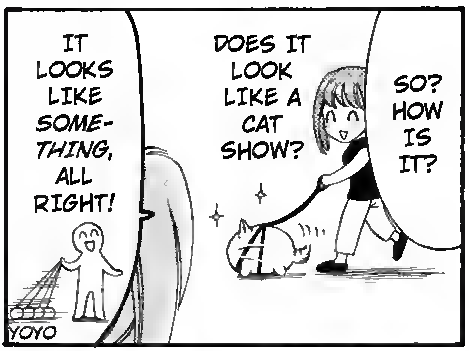

YOU CAN GET YOUR LICENSE NEXT YEAR, HIDE.
DRIVING A CAR IS DEFINITELY THE WAY TO GO!


IT GOT PRETTY STEEP AT THE END.
SCREECH
LOOKS LIKE WE DROVE OURSELVES UP INTO THE MOUNTAINS!


YOU'LL GET USED TO IT!
YUP!
THAT THING? ERR... IT LOOKS STURDY ENOUGH ...
AND IF YOU BORROW PAPA'S CAR, YOU CAN PRACTICE 'TIL THEN!
BASIC
WORK USE

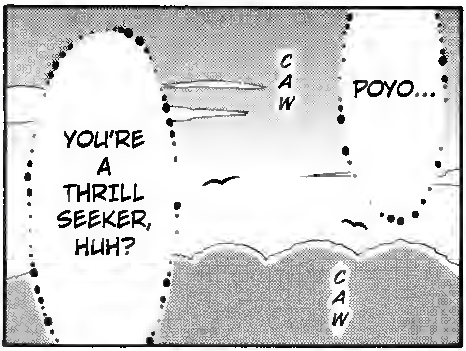

LET'S PUT THIS ON YOU SO THAT WE DON'T LOSE YOU!
POYO, DO YOU WANNA TAKE A LOOK OUTSIDE?


WHAT?! WHAT DID YOU JUST SAY?!
SKID
SKID
THEN YOU'LL EVEN KNOW HOW TO DRIVE DOWN A MOUNTAIN WITH BRAKES THAT ARE OUT OF ORDER!
MAYBE...

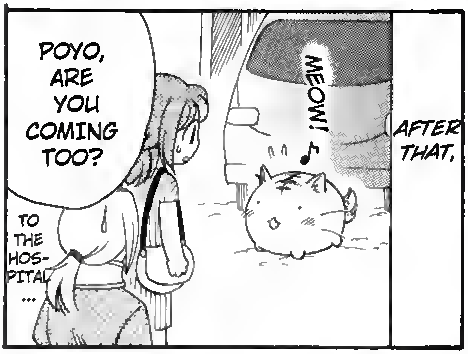

IT LOOKS LIKE SOMETHING, ALL RIGHT!
YOYO
DOES IT LOOK LIKE A CAT SHOW?
SO? HOW IS IT?

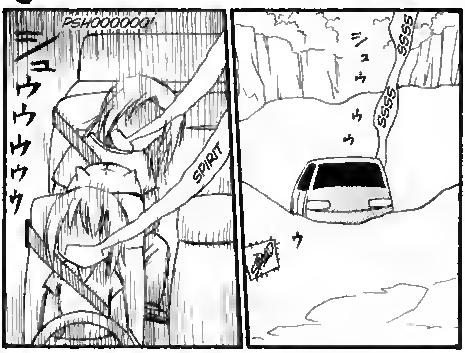
HE'S POSITIVELY ECSTATIC...
IN FACT,
PURRRRRRR
ゴロゴロ ゴロゴロゴロ

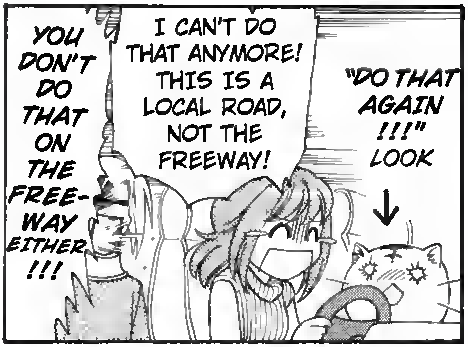
SCREEECH!
ギャギャギャギャキャ

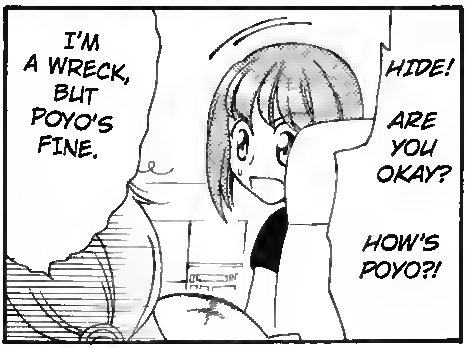

YOU'RE A THRILL SEEKER, HUH?
CAW
POYO...
CAW

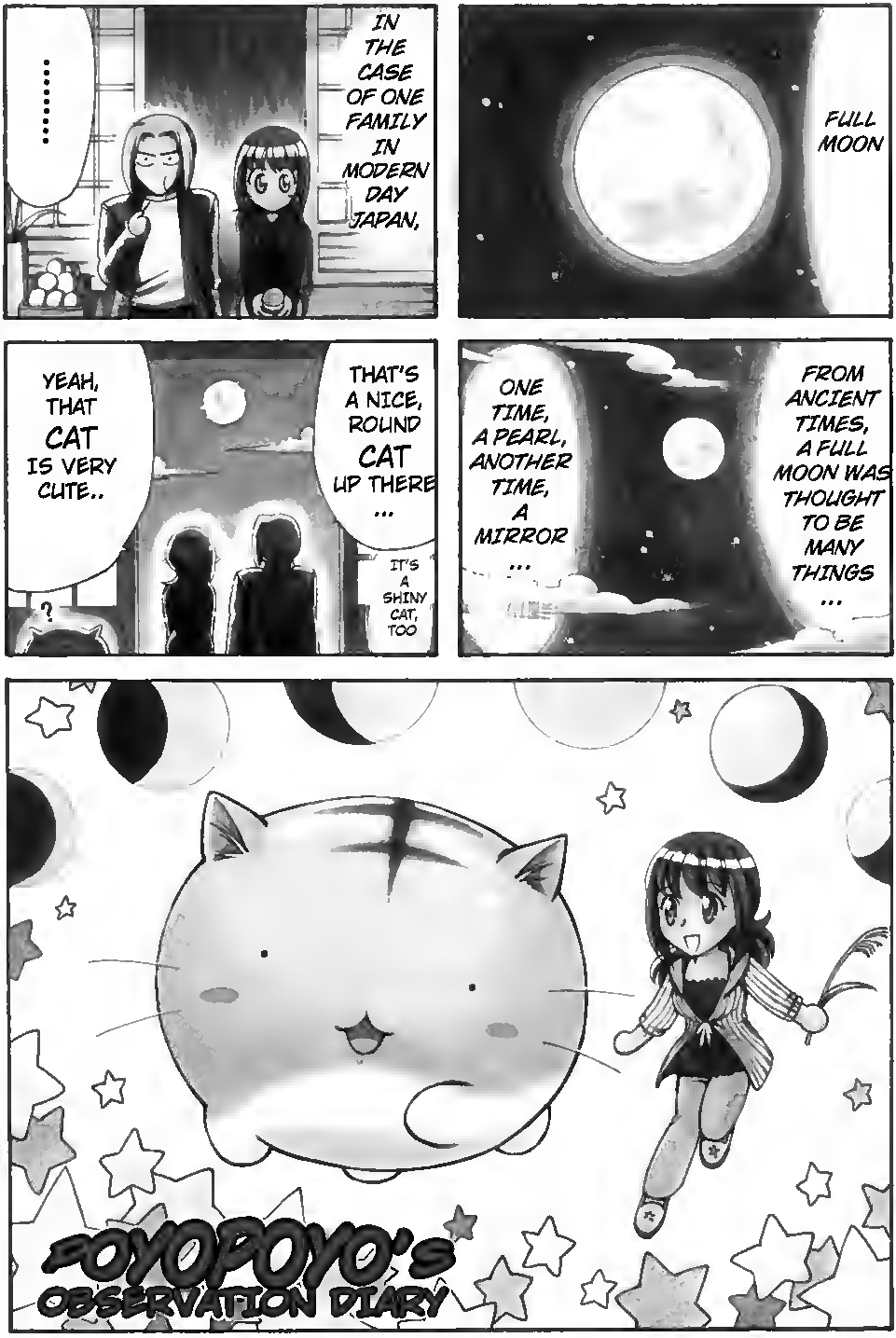
BAM!
SCREEEK

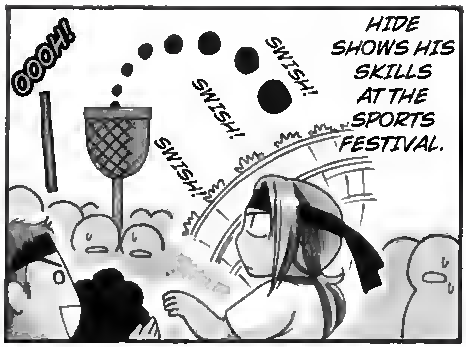

POYO, ARE YOU COMING TOO?
TO THE HOS-PITAL ...
MEOW!
AFTER THAT,

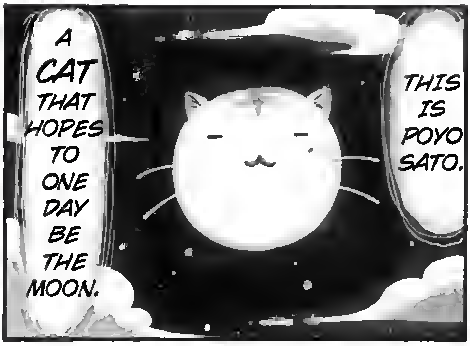

PSHOOOOOO!
SPIRIT
SSSS


YOU DON'T DO THAT ON THE FREE-WAY EITHER, !!!
I CAN'T DO THAT ANYMORE! THIS IS A LOCAL ROAD, NOT THE FREEWAY!
"DO THAT AGAIN !!!" LOOK

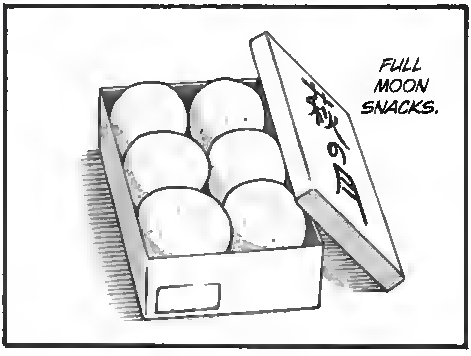

I'M A WRECK, BUT POYO'S FINE.
HIDE!
ARE YOU OKAY?
HOW'S POYO?!


IN THE CASE OF ONE FAMILY IN MODERN DAY JAPAN,
.....
FULL MOON
THAT'S A NICE, ROUND CAT UP THERE ...
IT'S A SHINY CAT, TOO
YEAH, THAT CAT IS VERY CUTE..
?
FROM ANCIENT TIMES, A FULL MOON WAS THOUGHT TO BE MANY THINGS ...
ONE TIME, A PEARL, ANOTHER TIME, A MIRROR ...
POYOPOYO'S OBSERVATION DIARY

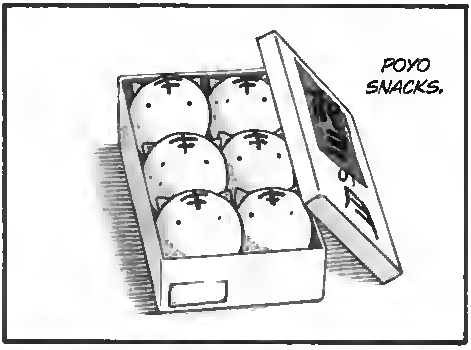

OOOH!
SWISH!
SWISH!
SWISH!
HIDE SHOWS HIS SKILLS AT THE SPORTS FESTIVAL.

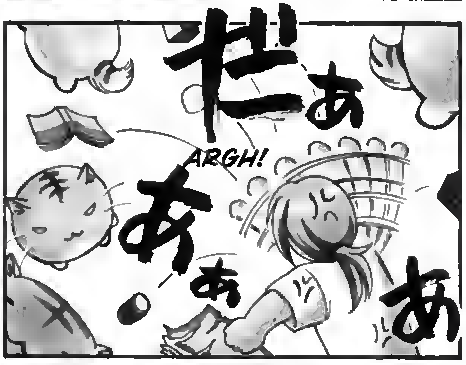

A CAT THAT HOPES TO ONE DAY BE THE MOON.
THIS IS POYO SATO.

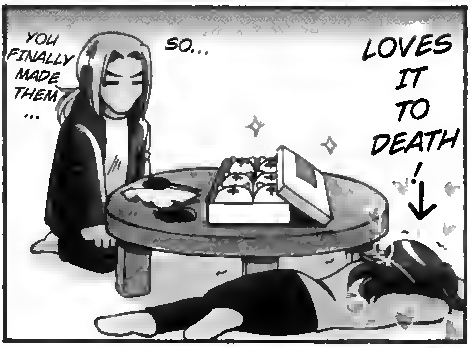
HOW DID YOU COME TO HAVE SUCH GOOD BALL CONTROL?
MVP
WE'D LIKE TO INTER-VIEW YOU.

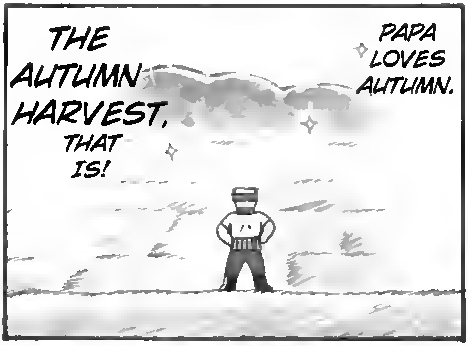

FULL MOON SNACKS.

THE NEXT NBA STAR!
SO COOL!
IT'S EASY TO SHOOT AT A STATION-ARY TARGET!


POYO SNACKS.

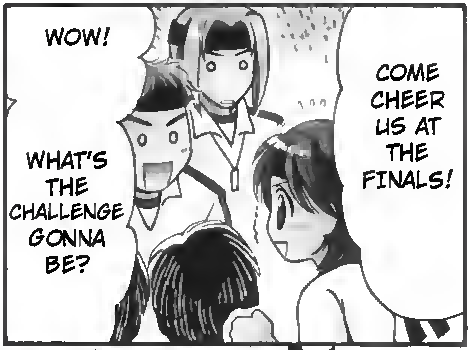

ARGH!

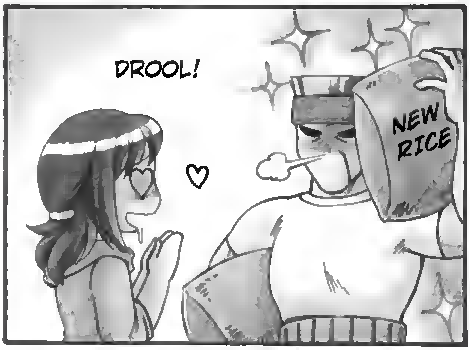

YOU FINALLY MADE THEM ...
SO...
LOVES IT TO DEATH!


THE AUTUMN HARVEST, THAT IS!
PAPA LOVES AUTUMN.

ONE MORE WIN!
ONE MORE WIN!
MAKI ALSO SHOWS HER SKILLS AT THE SPORTS FESTIVAL!

WOW!


WOW!
WHAT'S THE CHALLENGE GONNA BE?
COME CHEER US AT THE FINALS!


DROOL!
NEW RICE

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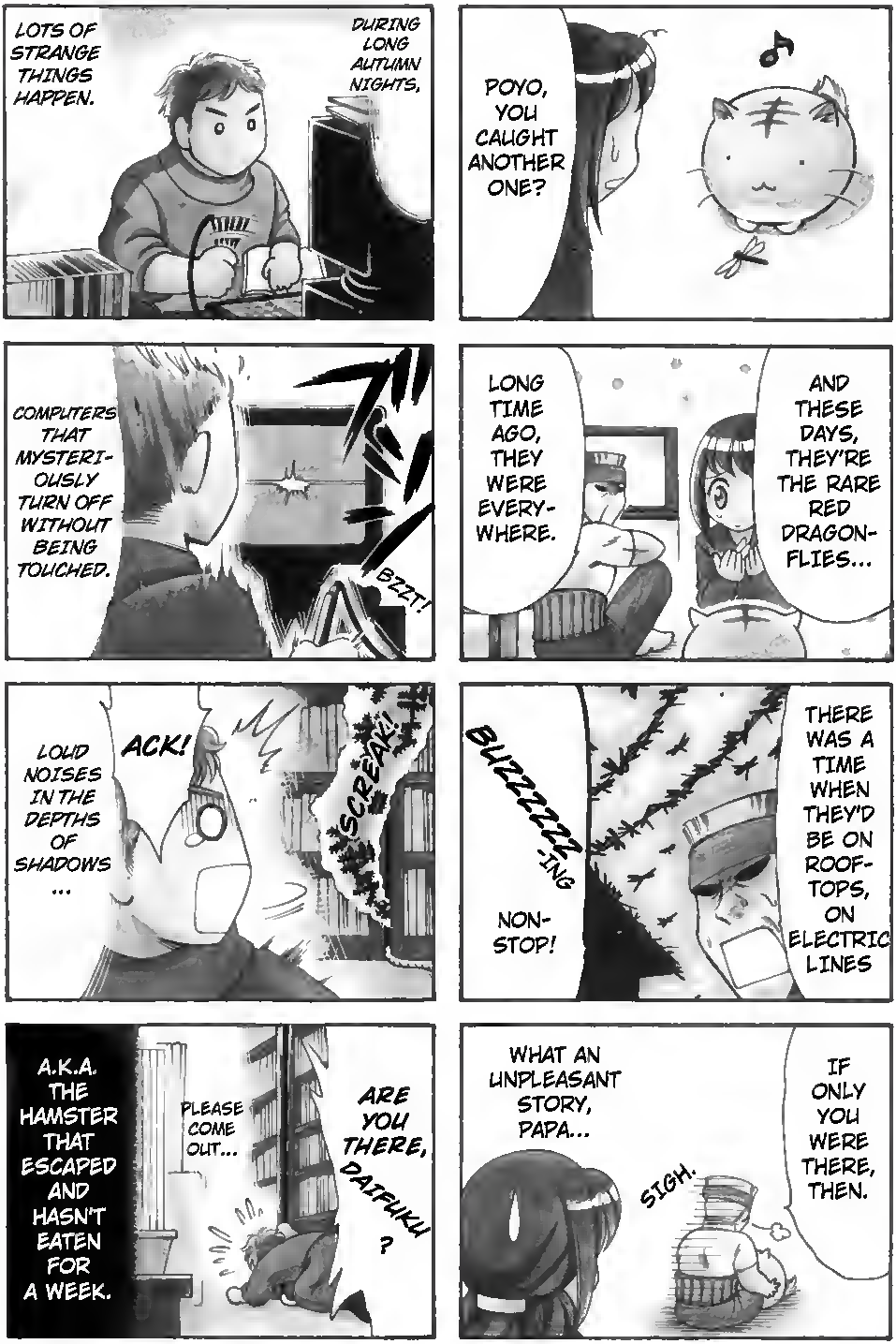
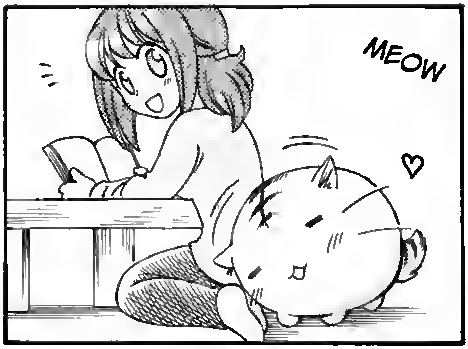
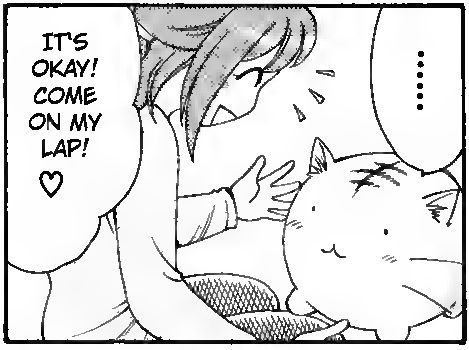

LOTS OF STRANGE THINGS HAPPEN.
DURING LONG AUTUMN NIGHTS,
POYO, YOU CAUGHT ANOTHER ONE?
COMPUTERS THAT MYSTERI-OUSLY TURN OFF WITHOUT BEING TOUCHED.
BZZT!
LONG TIME AGO, THEY WERE EVERY-WHERE.
AND THESE DAYS, THEY'RE THE RARE RED DRAGON-FLIES...
LOUD NOISES IN THE DEPTHS OF SHADOWS ...
ACK!
SCREAK!
BUZZZZZ-ING NON-STOP!
THERE WAS A TIME WHEN THEY'D BE ON ROOF-TOPS, ON ELECTRIC LINES
A.K.A. THE HAMSTER THAT ESCAPED AND HASN'T EATEN FOR A WEEK.
PLEASE COME OUT...
ARE YOU THERE, DAIFUKU ?
WHAT AN UNPLEASANT STORY, PAPA...
SIGH.
IF ONLY YOU WERE THERE, THEN.


MEOW

WHAT?
TODAY, SOMETHING REALLY DISTURBING HAPPENED TO ME...


IT'S OKAY! COME ON MY LAP!
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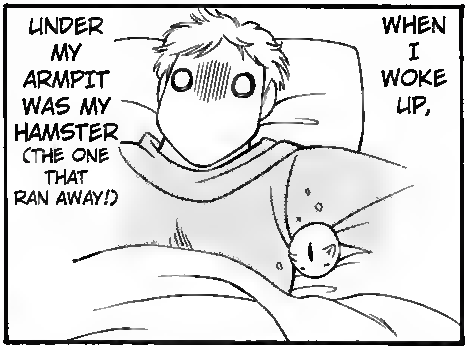
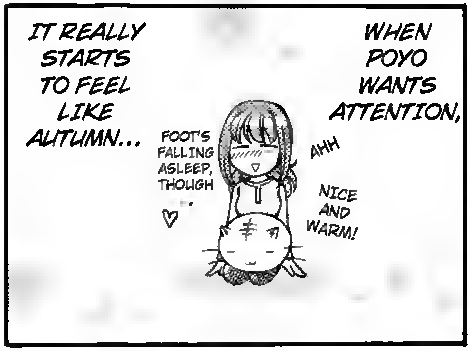
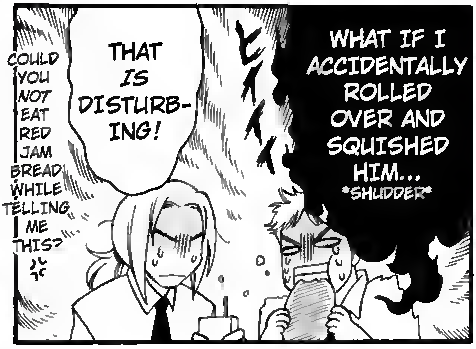

UNDER MY ARMPIT WAS MY HAMSTER (THE ONE THAT RAN AWAY!)
WHEN I WOKE UP,


IT REALLY STARTS TO FEEL LIKE AUTUMN...
WHEN POYO WANTS ATTENTION,
FOOT'S FALLING ASLEEP, THOUGH
AHH
NICE AND WARM!


COULD YOU NOT EAT RED JAM BREAD WHILE TELLING ME THIS?
THAT IS DISTURBING!
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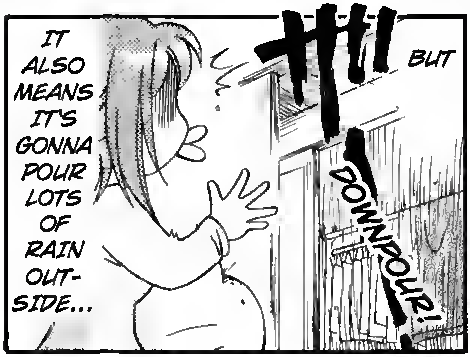
WHAT IF I ACCIDENTALLY ROLLED OVER AND SQUISHED HIM... *SHUDDER*


IT ALSO MEANS IT'S GONNA POUR LOTS OF RAIN OUTSIDE...
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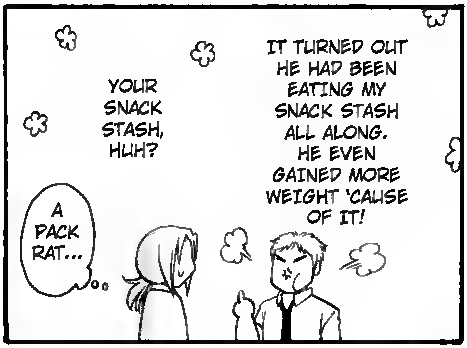
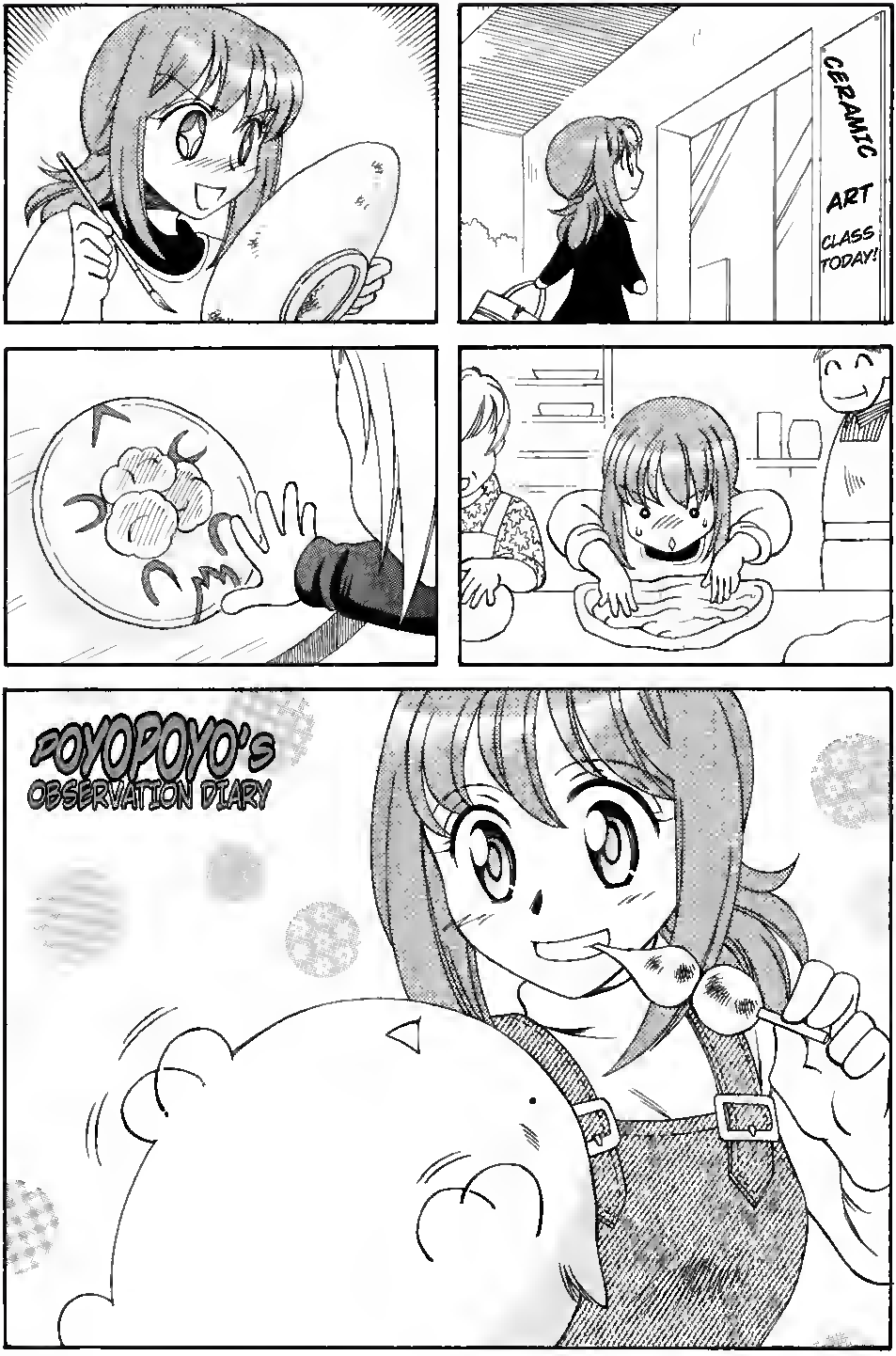
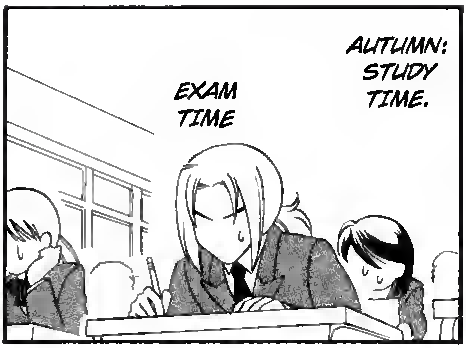
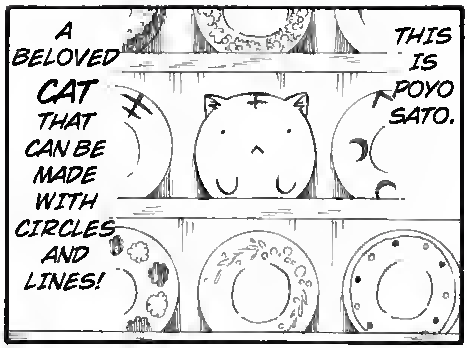
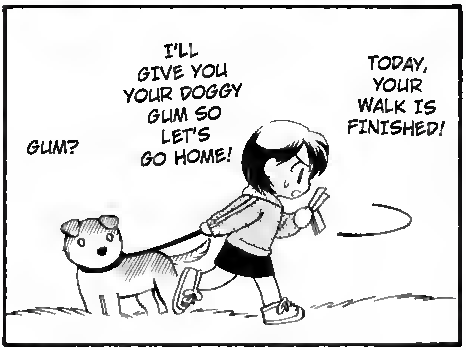
BUT
DOWNPOUR!!

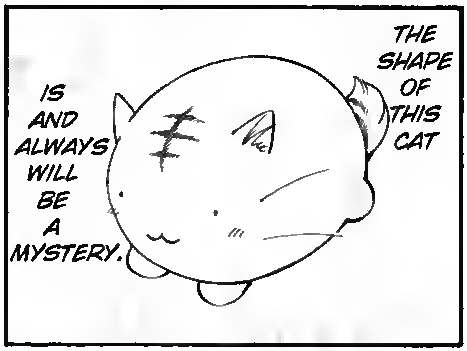

YOUR SNACK STASH, HUH?
IT TURNED OUT HE HAD BEEN EATING MY SNACK STASH ALL ALONG. HE EVEN GAINED MORE WEIGHT 'CAUSE OF IT!
A PACK RAT...

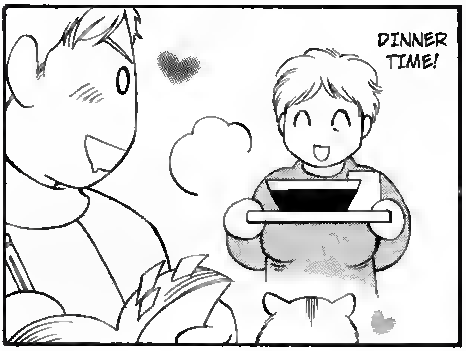

CERAMIC ART CLASS TODAY!
POYOPOYO'S OBSERVATION DIARY

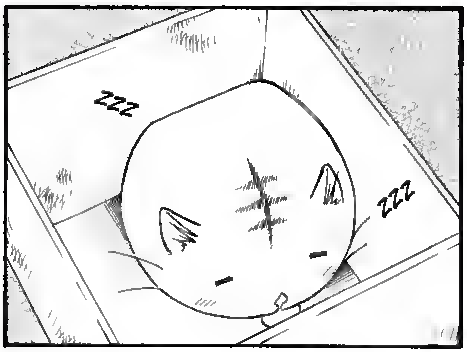

AUTUMN: STUDY TIME.
EXAM TIME


A BELOVED CAT THAT CAN BE MADE WITH CIRCLES AND LINES!
THIS IS POYO SATO.


TODAY, YOUR WALK IS FINISHED!
I'LL GIVE YOU YOUR DOGGY GUM SO LET'S GO HOME!
GUM?


THE SHAPE OF THIS CAT IS AND ALWAYS WILL BE A MYSTERY.


DINNER TIME!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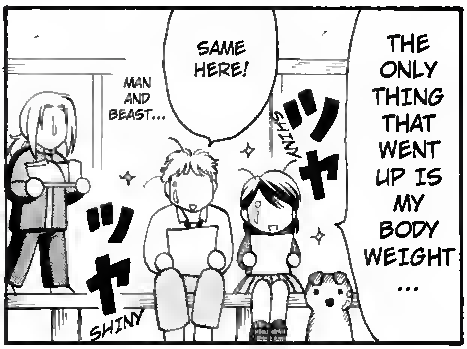
THE ONLY THING THAT WENT UP IS MY BODY WEIGHT ...
SAME HERE!
MAN AND BEAST...
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SHINY
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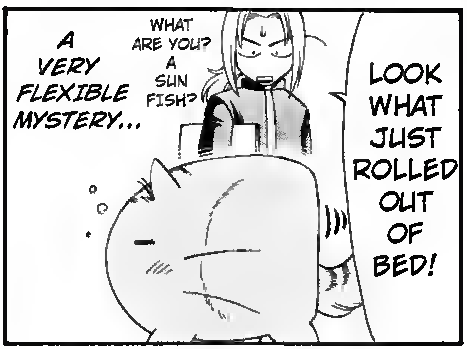
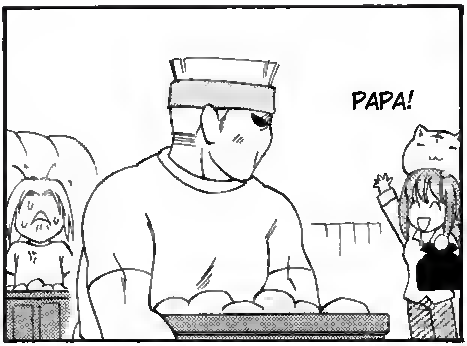
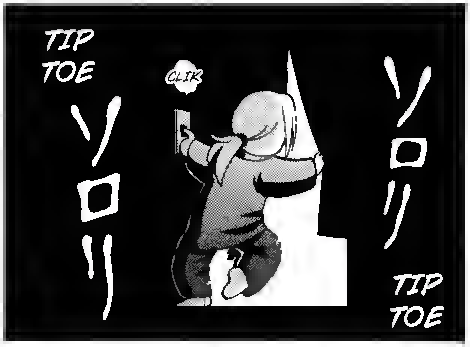
SHINY


LOOK WHAT JUST ROLLED OUT OF BED!
A VERY FLEXIBLE MYSTERY...
WHAT ARE YOU? A SUN FISH?


PAPA!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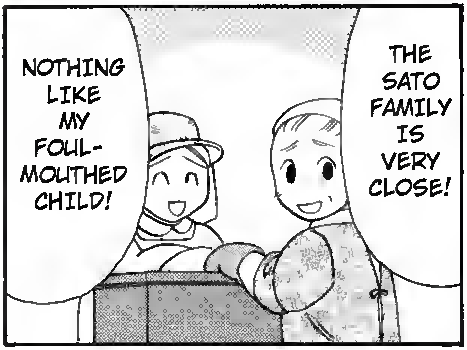
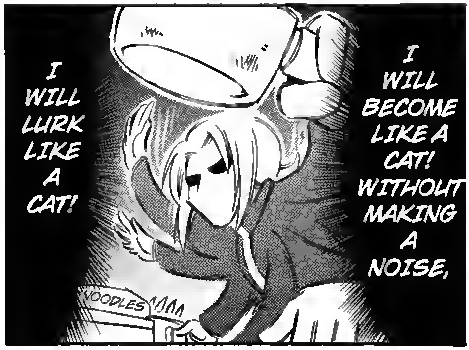
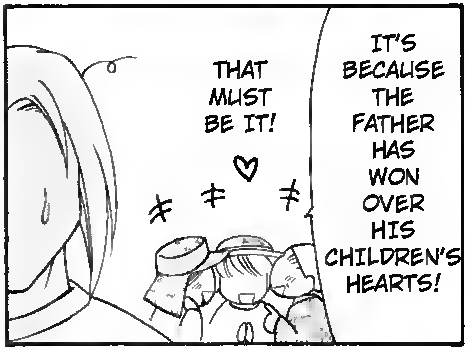
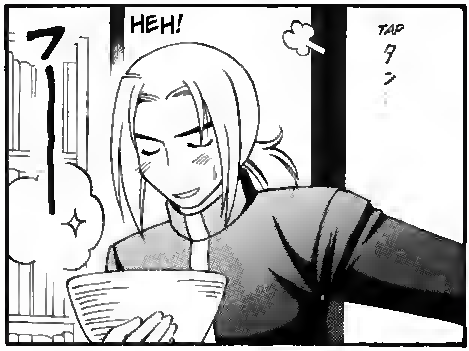
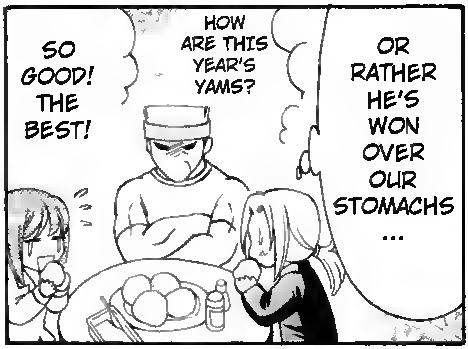
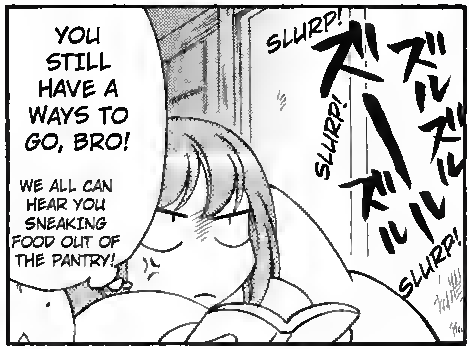

NOTHING LIKE MY FOUL-MOUTHED CHILD!
THE SATO FAMILY IS VERY CLOSE!


I WILL LURK LIKE A CAT!
I WILL BECOME LIKE A CAT! WITHOUT MAKING A NOISE,
NOODLES


THAT MUST BE IT!
IT'S BECAUSE THE FATHER HAS WON OVER HIS CHILDREN'S HEARTS!


HEH!
TAP


SO GOOD! THE BEST!
HOW ARE THIS YEAR'S YAMS?
OR RATHER HE'S WON OVER OUR STOMACHS ...


YOU STILL HAVE A WAYS TO GO, BRO!
WE ALL CAN HEAR YOU SNEAKING FOOD OUT OF THE PANTRY!
SLURP!
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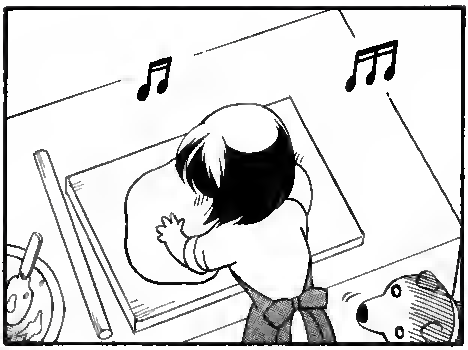
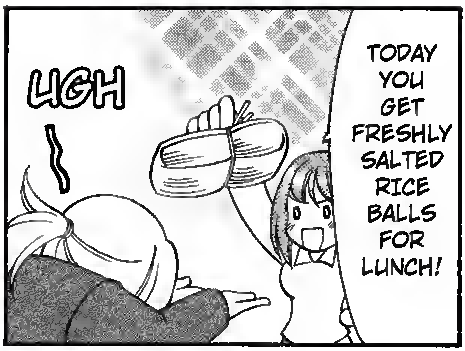
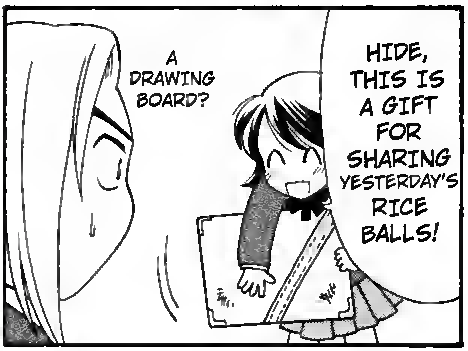
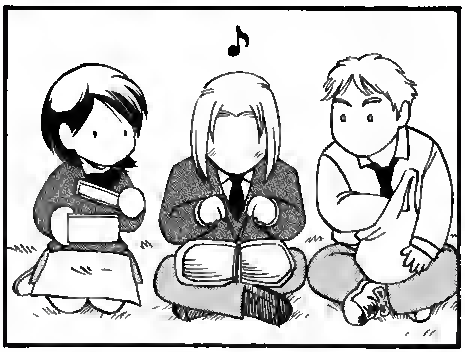
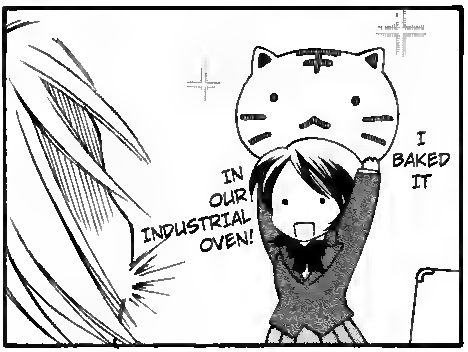
SLURP!
SLURP!

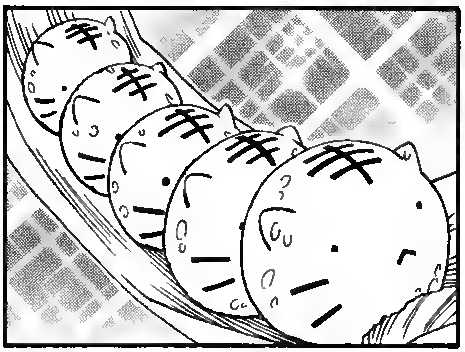



UGH
TODAY YOU GET FRESHLY SALTED RICE BALLS FOR LUNCH!


A DRAWING BOARD?
HIDE, THIS IS A GIFT FOR SHARING YESTERDAY'S RICE BALLS!




I BAKED IT IN OUR INDUSTRIAL OVEN!

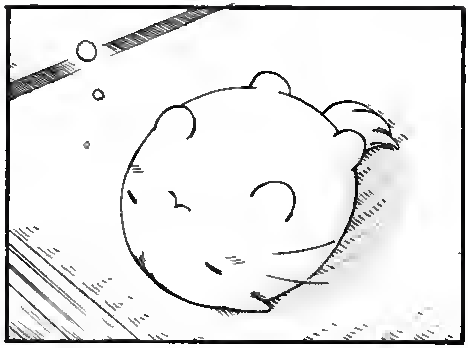


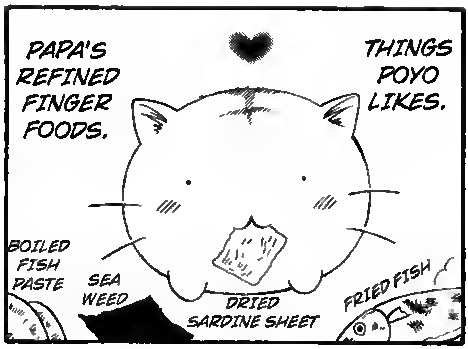
I'M NOT THE ONE WHO LIKES IT!
I MADE IT IN THE SHAPE OF POYO, THE WAY YOU LIKE IT!

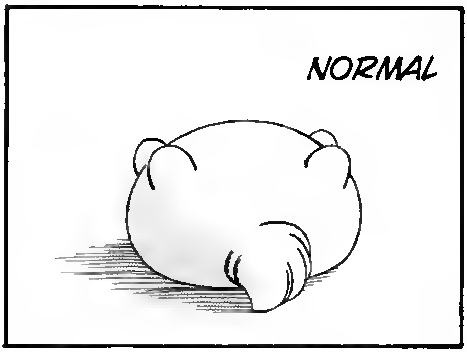
WOW. IT'S A POYO BOAT TEAM.
SIGH. I'D EXPECT NOTHING LESS FROM HER...

AHHH!!!
SHE DOES.

THUD!
TAP TAP
I'M HOME, POYO!
PAPA HAS A MEETING WITH THE TOWN FARMERS.
I LOOK FORWARD TO THIS FOOD EVERY TIME.
THE MEETING'S FOOD, PREPARED BY MOE.
MEOW!
IT'S DINNER TIME!
ONE HOUR LATER
DELICIOUS!
YUM!
CRUNCH CRUNCH
I MADE A CURRY OUT OF IT!
I BOUGHT FISH, BUT SINCE WE HAD LEFTOVER MEAT...
SHE'S GETTING BETTER AND BETTER AT IT EVERY TIME!




PAPA'S REFINED FINGER FOODS.
THINGS POYO LIKES.
BOILED FISH PASTE
SEA WEED
DRIED SARDINE SHEET
FRIED FISH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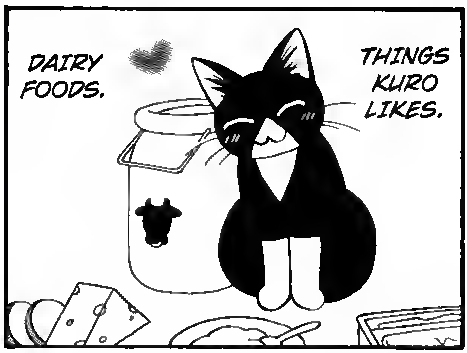
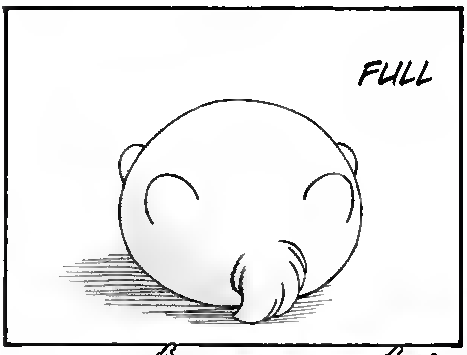

DAIRY FOODS.
THINGS KURO LIKES.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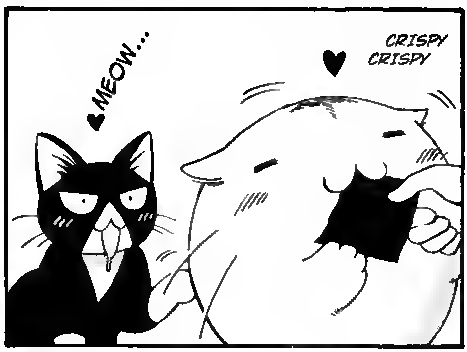
MEOW...
CRISPY CRISPY

I CAN'T HELP MYSELF!
PANT
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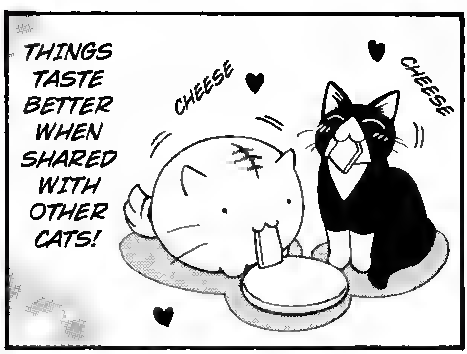
THINGS TASTE BETTER WHEN SHARED WITH OTHER CATS!
CHEESE
CHEESE

SINCE I'M ALWAYS WITH HIM, IT'S HARD TO TELL.
?
HMM. YOU HAVE A POINT.
SIS, DON'T YOU THINK POYO'S GOTTEN FATTER?
...?
PLUS, HE WAS ALWAYS ROUND TO BEGIN WITH.
JIGGLE JIGGLE
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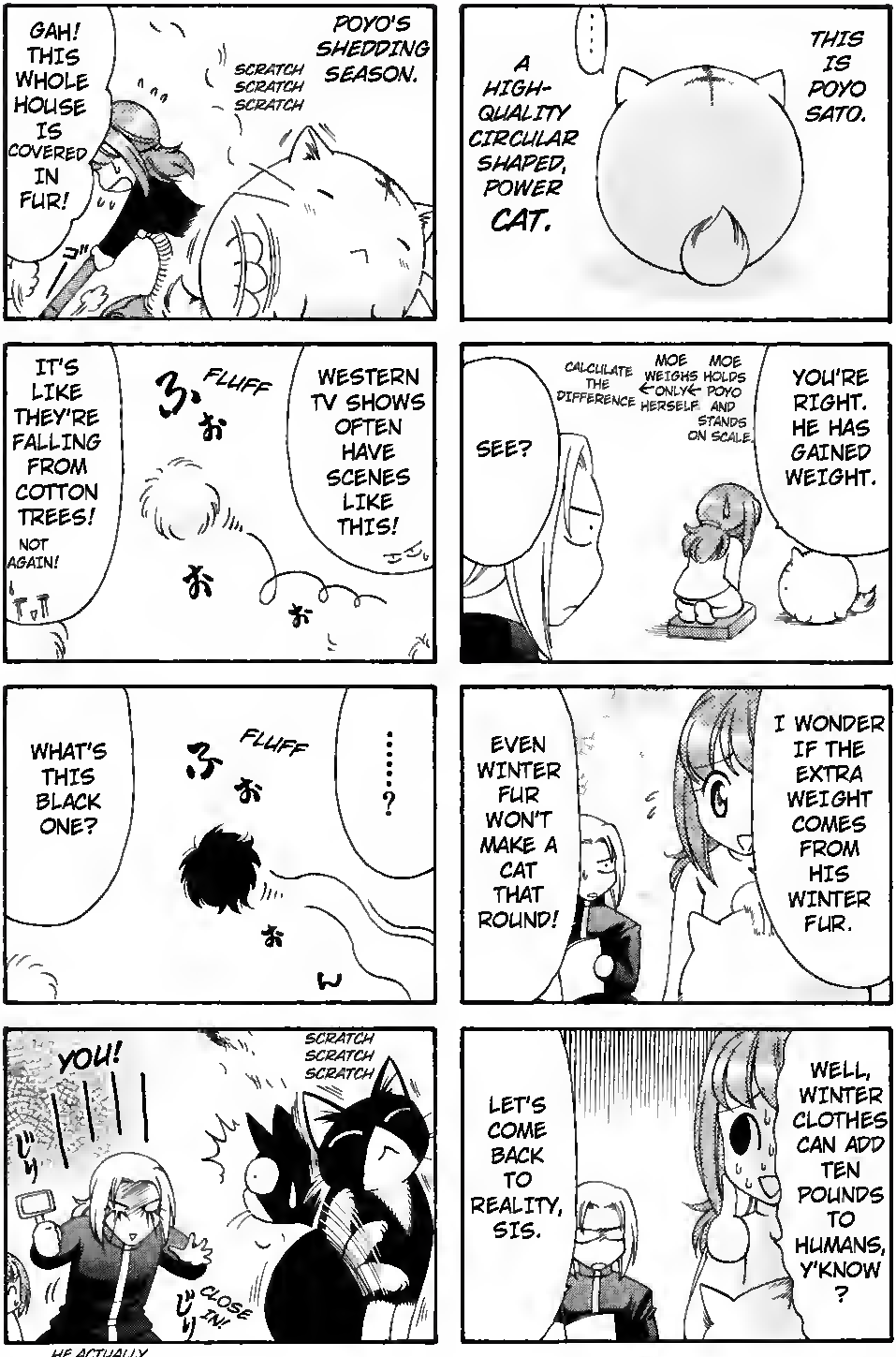
EXCEPT HIS STOMACH DIDN'T TOUCH THE FLOOR BEFORE ...
.....
HIS STOMACH AREA LOOKS A LITTLE ROUNDER THAN USUAL.
HUH? REALLY?
POYOPOYO'S OBSERVATION DIARY


GAH! THIS WHOLE HOUSE IS COVERED IN FUR!
SCRATCH SCRATCH SCRATCH
POYO'S SHEDDING SEASON.
THIS IS POYO SATO.
A HIGH-QUALITY CIRCULAR SHAPED, POWER CAT.
IT'S LIKE THEY'RE FALLING FROM COTTON TREES!
NOT AGAIN!
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WESTERN TV SHOWS OFTEN HAVE SCENES LIKE THIS!
SEE?
CALCULATE THE DIFFERENCE
MOE WEIGHS ONLY HERSELF
MOE HOLDS POYO AND STANDS ON SCALE
YOU'RE RIGHT. HE HAS GAINED WEIGHT.
WHAT'S THIS BLACK ONE?
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EVEN WINTER FUR WON'T MAKE A CAT THAT ROUND!
I WONDER IF THE EXTRA WEIGHT COMES FROM HIS WINTER FUR.
YOU!
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SCRATCH SCRATCH SCRATCH
CLOSE IN!
HE ACTUALLY LIKES THE BRUSH!
LET'S COME BACK TO REALITY, SIS.
WELL, WINTER CLOTHES CAN ADD TEN POUNDS TO HUMANS, Y'KNOW?

MEOW?
KURO-
WHOA !!
LURK
LURK
SHE WON'T LIKE IT. I THINK YOU SHOULD STOP.
ARE YOU PLANNING ON FEEDING THAT TO GRANNY?
FLIT FLIT FLIT
POUNCE!
FLIT
FLIT
FLIT
FLIT
MEOW!
I HAD JUST GLIMPSED INTO A WORLD THAT WAS UNDER-STOOD BY ONLY THESE TWO.
A BIG FISH FOR YOU!
THANK YOU, KURO! I'LL BOIL THIS UP RIGHT AWAY!
BONK
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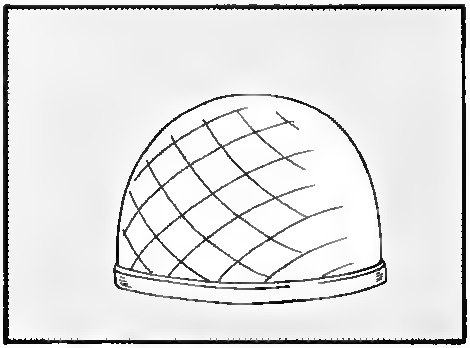
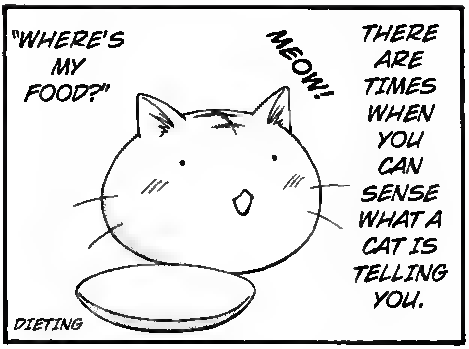
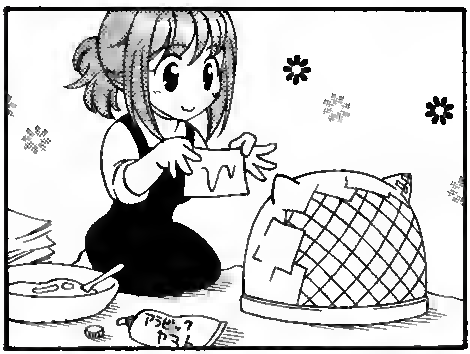
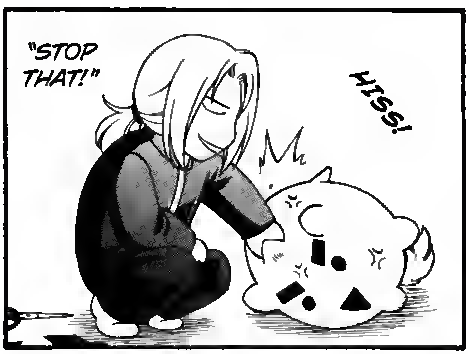
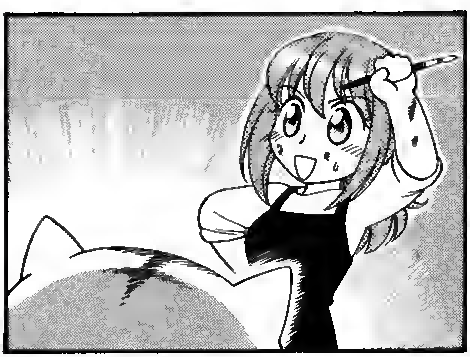


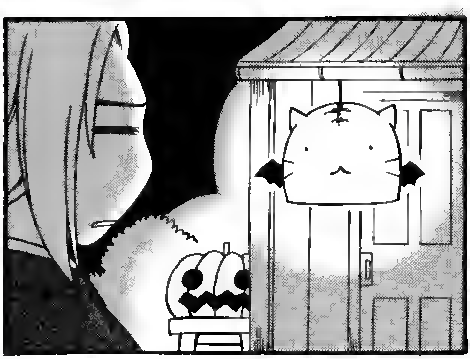

"WHERE'S MY FOOD?"
MEOW!
THERE ARE TIMES WHEN YOU CAN SENSE WHAT A CAT IS TELLING YOU.
DIETING

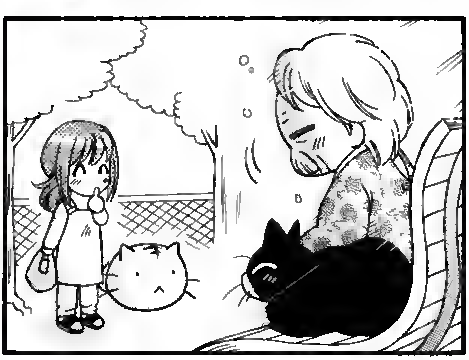



"STOP THAT!"
HISS!

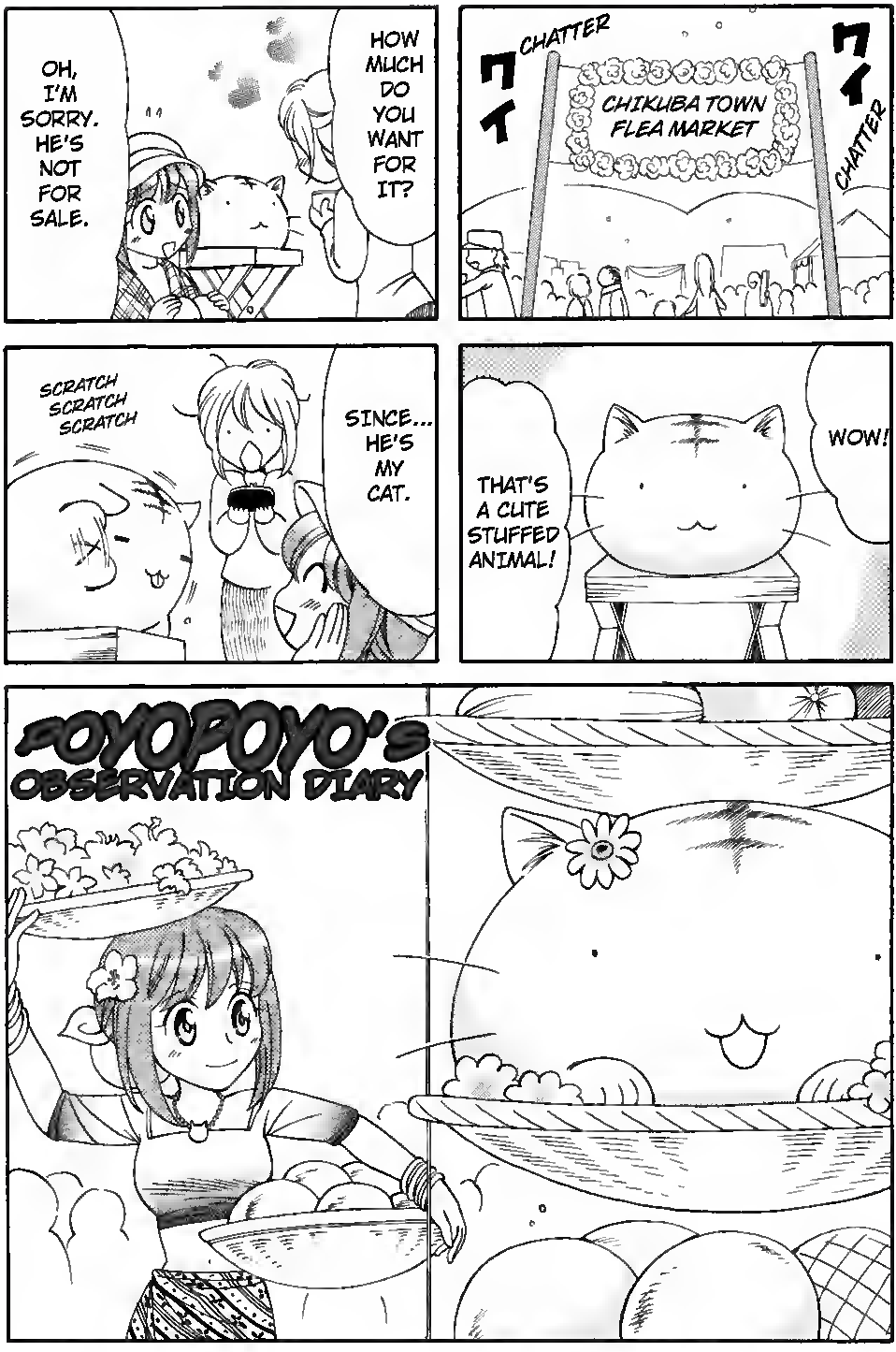


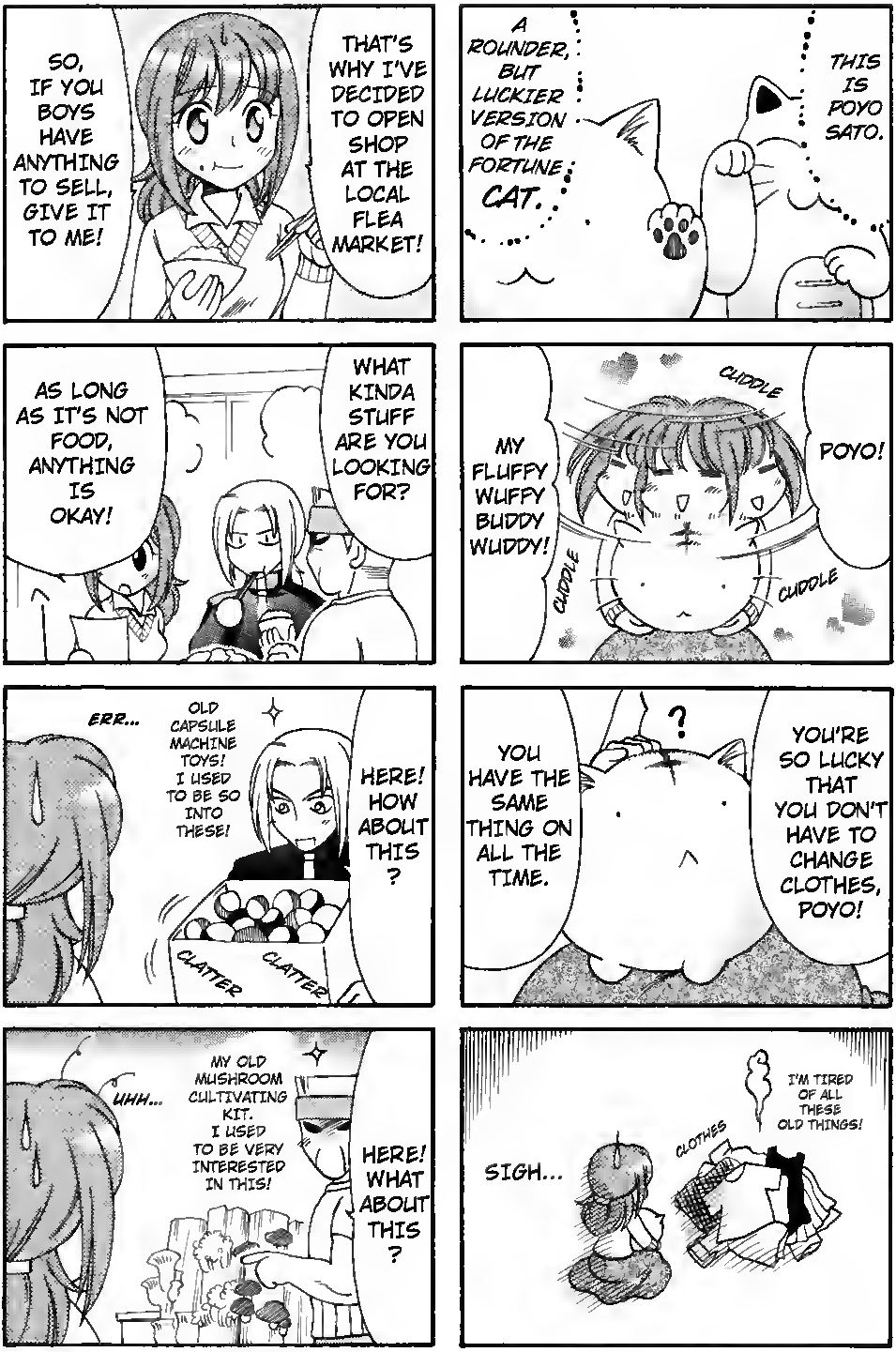
"SEE YA LATER!"
PURR!

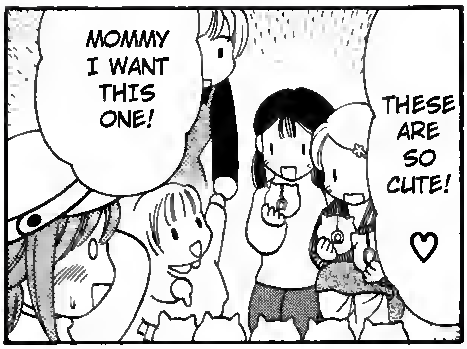


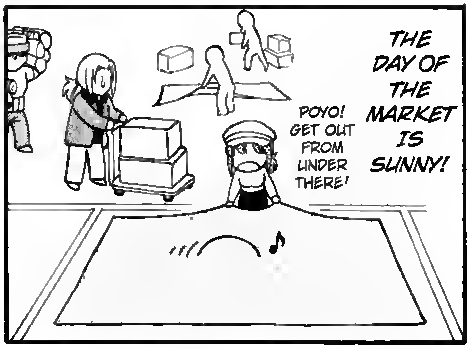


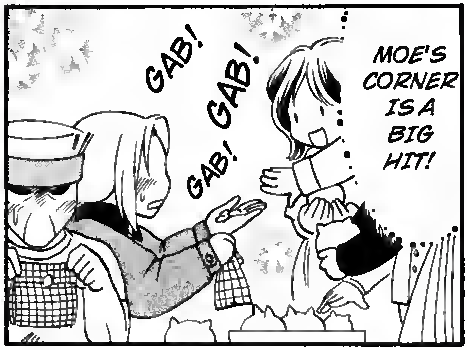
TOUCH TOUCH
POP!
CRASH!
TONIGHT, WE'RE HAVING
RICE COOKED WITH "DANCING" CHESTNUTS.
OH...
?
CRAZY CAT...

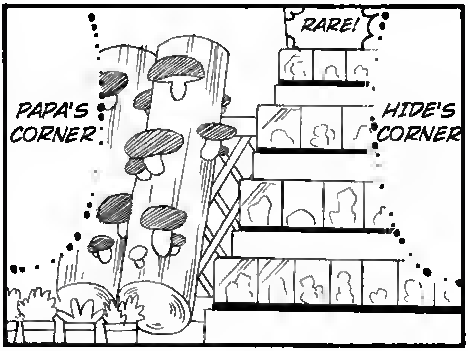

OH, I'M SORRY. HE'S NOT FOR SALE.
HOW MUCH DO YOU WANT FOR IT?
CHATTER
CHIKUBA TOWN FLEA MARKET
CHATTER
SCRATCH SCRATCH SCRATCH
SINCE... HE'S MY CAT.
THAT'S A CUTE STUFFED ANIMAL!
WOW!
YOYOYO'S OBSERVATION DIARY

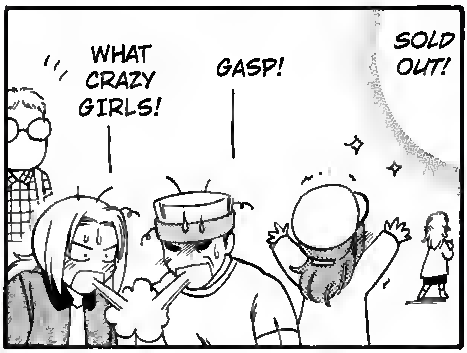

SO, IF YOU BOYS HAVE ANYTHING TO SELL, GIVE IT TO ME!
THAT'S WHY I'VE DECIDED TO OPEN SHOP AT THE LOCAL FLEA MARKET!
A ROUNDER, BUT LUCKIER VERSION OF THE FORTUNE CAT.
THIS IS POYO SATO.
AS LONG AS IT'S NOT FOOD, ANYTHING IS OKAY!
WHAT KINDA STUFF ARE YOU LOOKING FOR?
CUDDLE
MY FLUFFY WUFFY BUDDY WUDDY!
POYO!
ERR...
OLD CAPSULE MACHINE TOYS! I USED TO BE SO INTO THESE!
HERE! HOW ABOUT THIS ?
CLATTER
YOU HAVE THE SAME THING ON ALL THE TIME.
YOU'RE SO LUCKY THAT YOU DON'T HAVE TO CHANGE CLOTHES, POYO!
UHH...
MY OLD MUSHROOM CULTIVATING KIT. I USED TO BE VERY INTERESTED IN THIS!
HERE! WHAT ABOUT THIS ?
SIGH...
CLOTHES
I'M TIRED OF ALL THESE OLD THINGS!

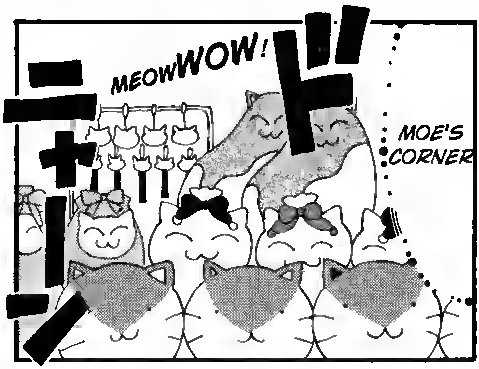

MOMMY I WANT THIS ONE!
THESE ARE SO CUTE!

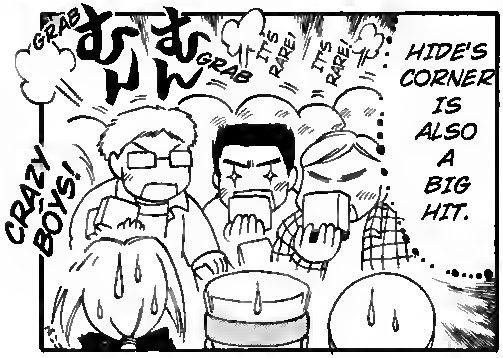

THE DAY OF THE MARKET IS SUNNY!
POYO! GET OUT FROM UNDER THERE!

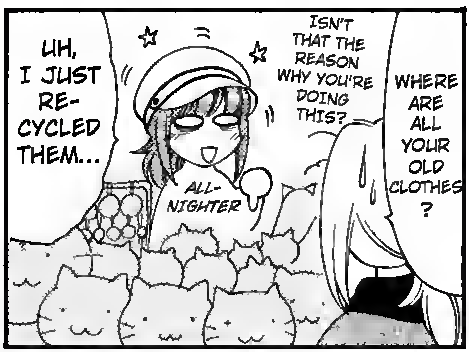

GAB!
GAB!
GAB!
MOE'S CORNER IS A BIG HIT!


RARE!
PAPA'S CORNER
HIDE'S CORNER


WHAT CRAZY GIRLS!
GASP!
SOLD OUT!


MEOWWOW!
MOE'S CORNER


GRAB
むんGRAB
IT'S RARE!
IT'S RARE!
HIDE'S CORNER IS ALSO A BIG HIT.
CRAZY BOYS!


UH, I JUST RE-CYCLED THEM...
ISN'T THAT THE REASON WHY YOU'RE DOING THIS?
ALL-NIGHTER
WHERE ARE ALL YOUR OLD CLOTHES?

GO AHEAD!
IS IT OKAY IF I GO LOOK AROUND?
THIS ONE'S, UHH... NOT FOR SALE.
ARE ALL THE CAT DOLLS SOLD OUT? HOW ABOUT THAT BIG ONE YOU'RE HOLDING?!
OOH! USED GOODS!
SURE!
BUMMER... CAN I AT LEAST TAKE A PICTURE OF IT?
I WONDER IF THERE'S ANYTHING FOR ME!
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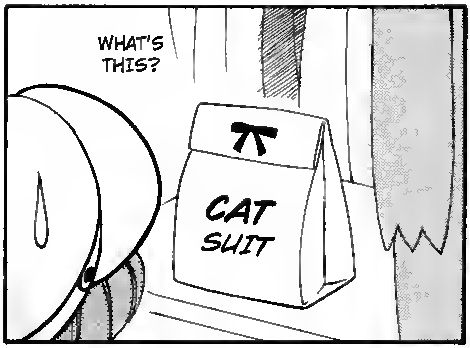
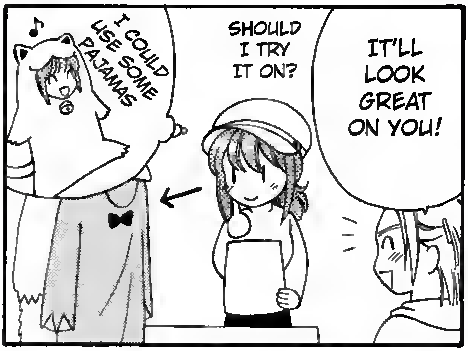
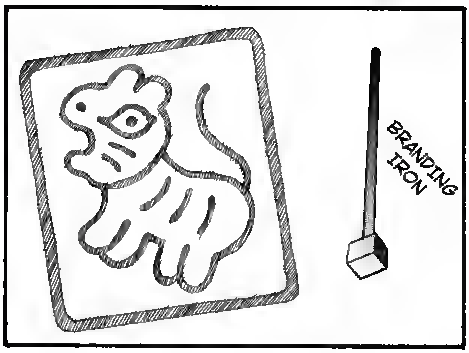
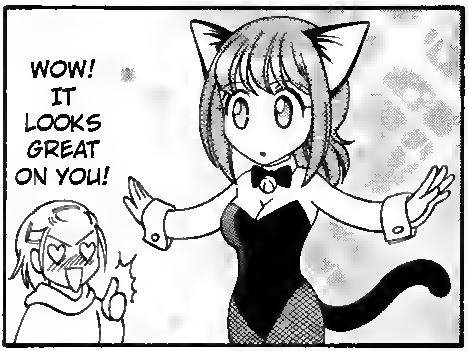
FLASH!
THERE!
I FOUND A CAT FOSSIL!
MEOW
MEOW
MEOW
FOSSIL!
RED EYE
HUH?

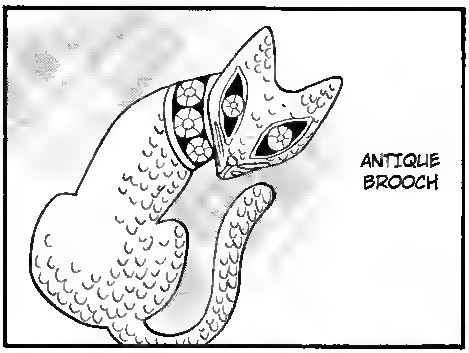

WHAT'S THIS?
CAT SUIT

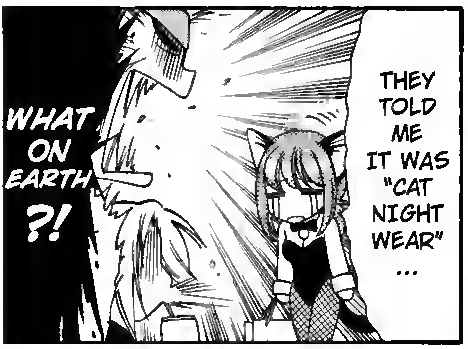
OOH!
FELINE ANTIQUES
AWESOME!


I COULD USE SOME PAJAMAS
SHOULD I TRY IT ON?
IT'LL LOOK GREAT ON YOU!


BRANDING IRON


WOW! IT LOOKS GREAT ON YOU!


ANTIQUE BROOCH


WHAT ON EARTH?!
THEY TOLD ME IT WAS "CAT NIGHT WEAR" ...

CAT?
SCARY...

FLEA MARKETS ARE FUN, AREN'T THEY?
CAW CAW
YEAH! CHEAP, TOO!
LET'S GET SOME-THING FOR YOU, POYO!
NO MORE SHOPPING FOR ME!
I GOT A PLASTIC AEGIS DESTROYER MODEL!
HIDE, WHAT DID YOU BUY?
HMPH!
WHAT A BIG NERD!
A TADPOLE SHRIMP RAISING KIT.
AND YOU, PAPA?
GONNA RAISE THEM, THEN PUT THEM IN THE RICE PADDIES
COOL!
HUH? DID YOU FIND SOME-THING GOOD?
MEOW! MEOW!
I GOT THIS AND THAT!
SUPPLIES TO MAKE CAT DOLLS FOR THE NEXT FLEA MARKET!
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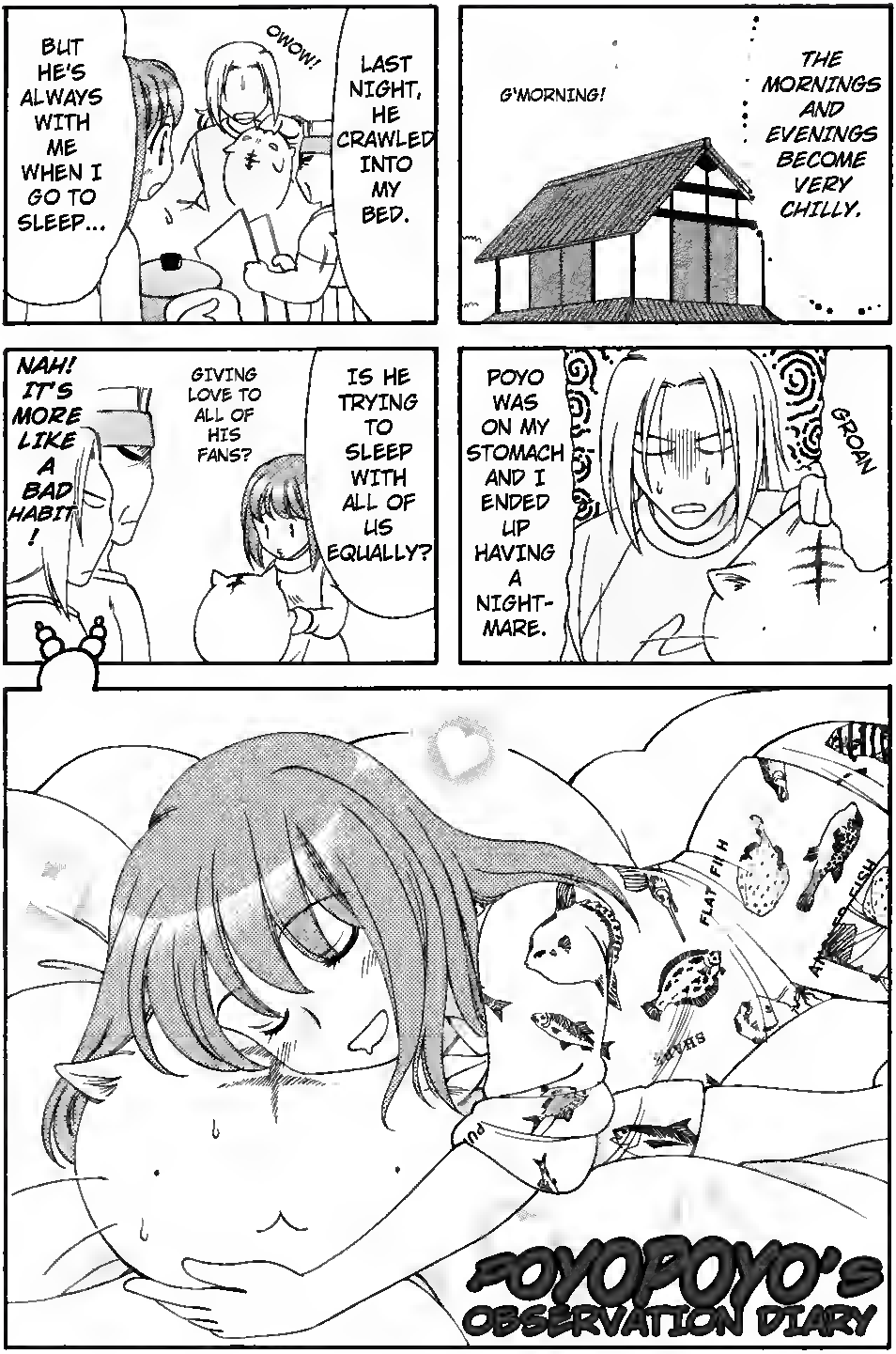
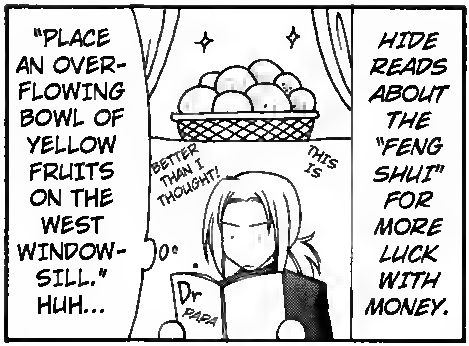
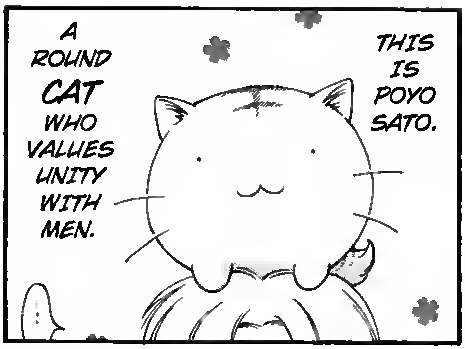
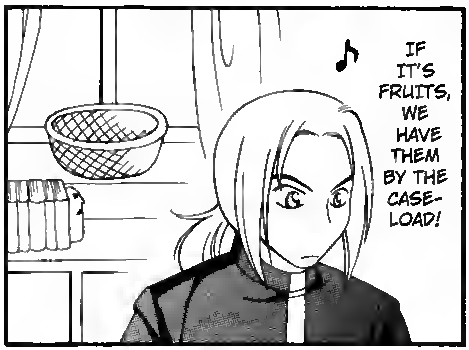
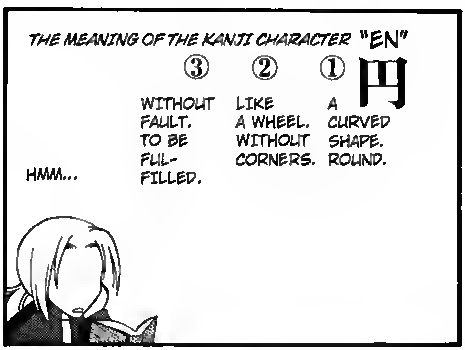
FWUMP!
HOW ABOUT YOU, SIS?
YOU DIDN'T GET ANY LIGHTER.
WOW ...
DROOOO!
PHEASANT REPLICA
URGH!

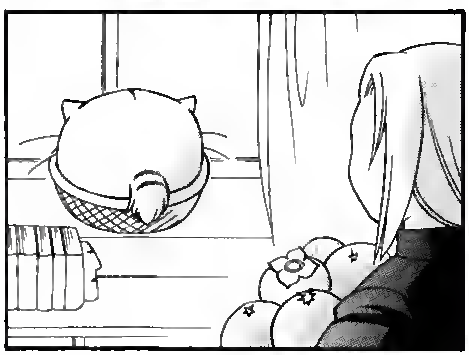

BUT HE'S ALWAYS WITH ME WHEN I GO TO SLEEP...
OWOW!
LAST NIGHT, HE CRAWLED INTO MY BED.
G'MORNING!
THE MORNINGS AND EVENINGS BECOME VERY CHILLY.
NAH! IT'S MORE LIKE A BAD HABIT!
GIVING LOVE TO ALL OF HIS FANS?
IS HE TRYING TO SLEEP WITH ALL OF US EQUALLY?
POYO WAS ON MY STOMACH AND I ENDED UP HAVING A NIGHT-MARE.
GROAN
FLAT FISH
SHRIMP
POYOPOYO'S OBSERVATION DIARY

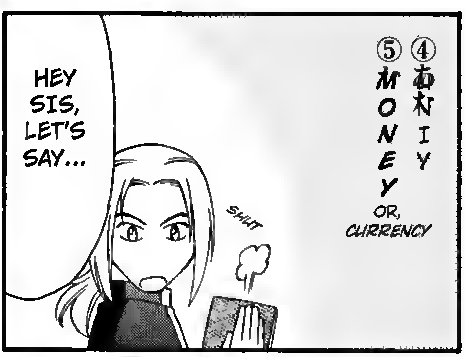

"PLACE AN OVER-FLOWING BOWL OF YELLOW FRUITS ON THE WEST WINDOW-SILL." HUH...
BETTER THAN I THOUGHT!
THIS IS
Dr PAPA
HIDE READS ABOUT THE "FENG SHUI" FOR MORE LUCK WITH MONEY.

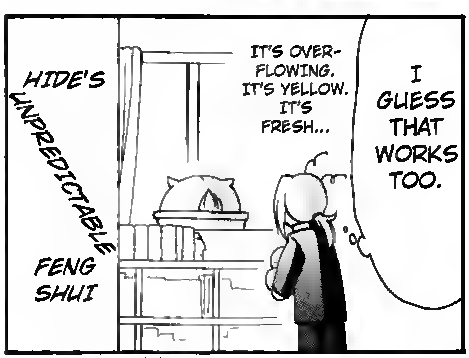

A ROUND CAT WHO VALUES UNITY WITH MEN.
THIS IS POYO SATO.

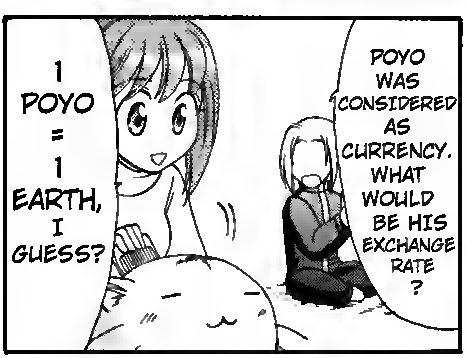

IF IT'S FRUITS, WE HAVE THEM BY THE CASE-LOAD!


THE MEANING OF THE KANJI CHARACTER "EN" 円
① A CURVED SHAPE. ROUND.
② LIKE A WHEEL. WITHOUT CORNERS.
③ WITHOUT FAULT. TO BE FUL-FILLED.
HMM...

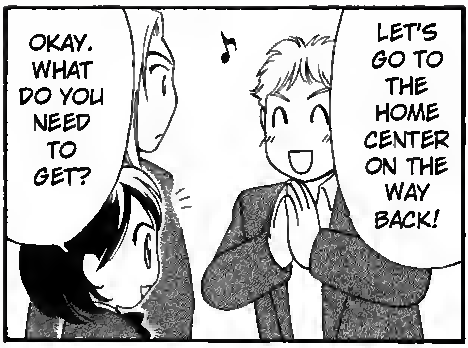


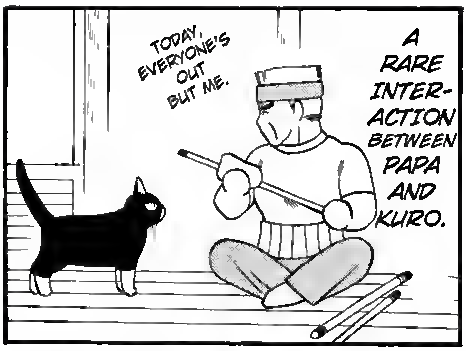

HEY SIS, LET'S SAY...
SHIIT
④ EN
⑤ MONEY OR, CURRENCY


HIDE'S UNPREDICTABLE FENG SHUI
IT'S OVER-FLOWING. IT'S YELLOW. IT'S FRESH...
I GUESS THAT WORKS TOO.

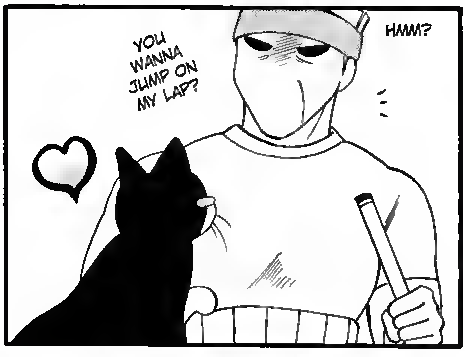

1 POYO = 1 EARTH, I GUESS?
POYO WAS CONSIDERED AS CURRENCY. WHAT WOULD BE HIS EXCHANGE RATE ?

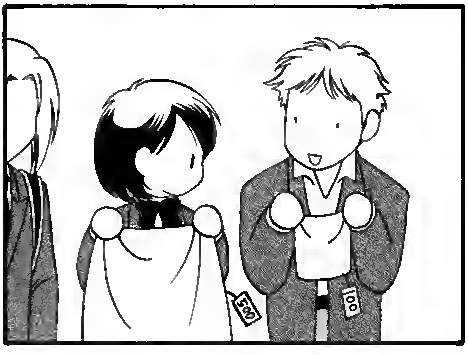
SIGH
HE'S NOT HERE TODAY, EITHER!

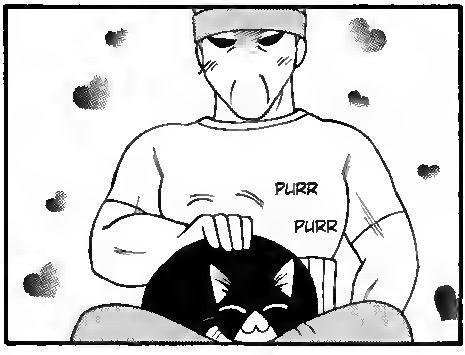

OKAY. WHAT DO YOU NEED TO GET?
LET'S GO TO THE HOME CENTER ON THE WAY BACK!


TODAY, EVERYONE'S OUT BUT ME.
A RARE INTER-ACTION BETWEEN PAPA AND KURO.

GOOD IDEA! I'LL GET ONE FOR TSUKUDANI TOO! ♡
I THINK IT'S HERE!
I WANT TO GET A FLEECE FOR DAIFUKU FOR WHEN IT GETS COLD.


YOU WANNA JUMP ON MY LAP?
HMM?

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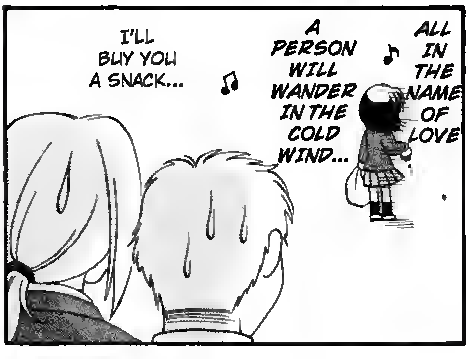
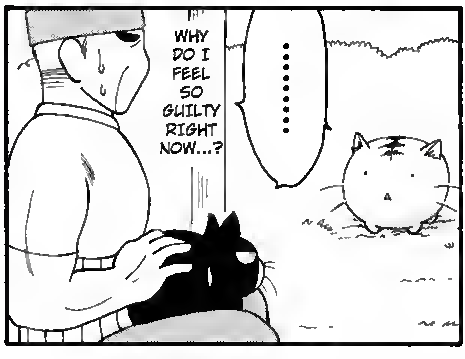

I'LL BUY YOU A SNACK...
A PERSON WILL WANDER IN THE COLD WIND...
ALL IN THE NAME OF LOVE


WHY DO I FEEL SO GUILTY RIGHT NOW...?
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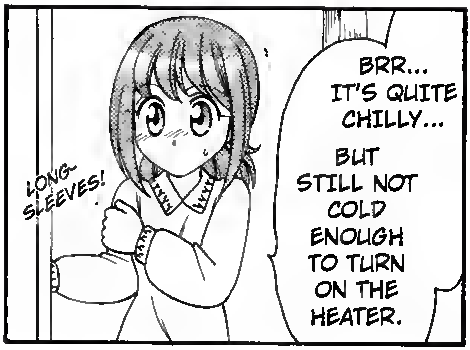
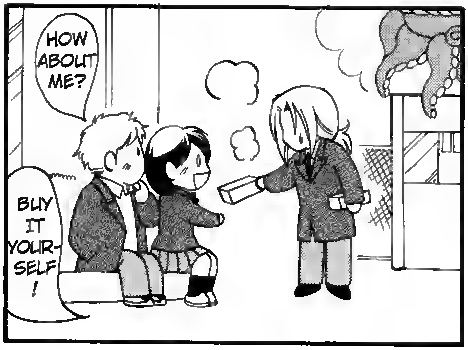
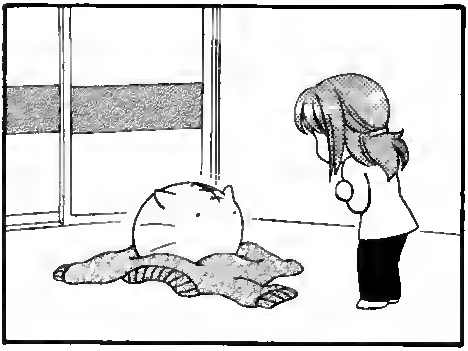
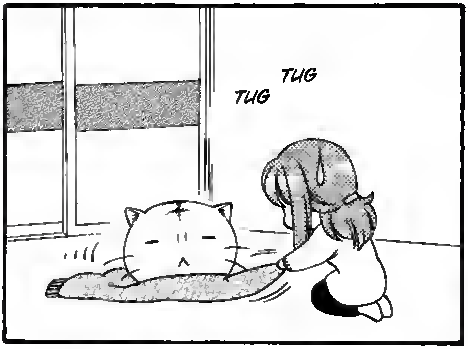
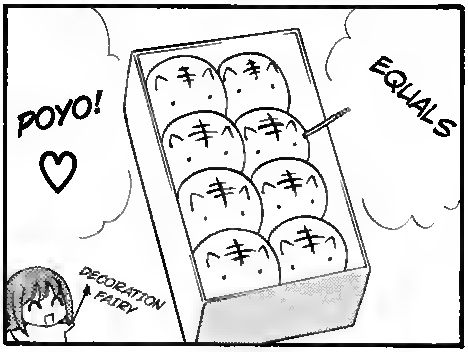


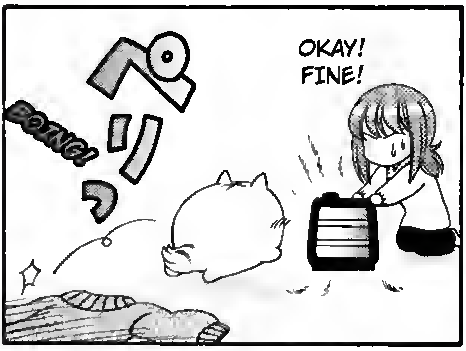


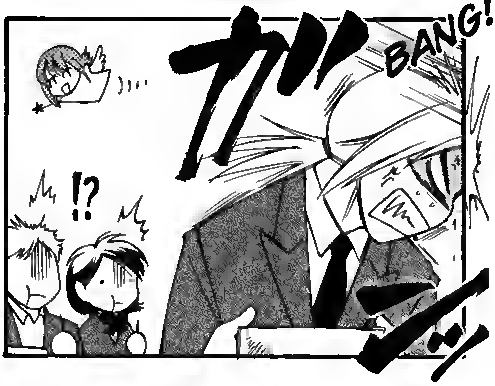


*TAKOYAKI GRILLED JAPANESE OCTOPUS DUMPLINGS

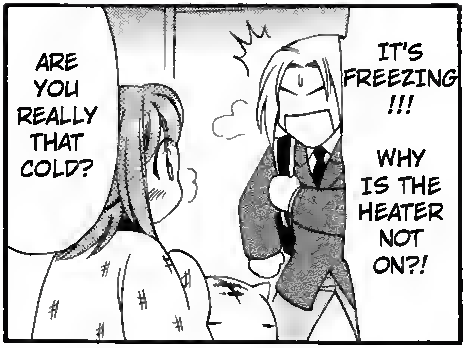


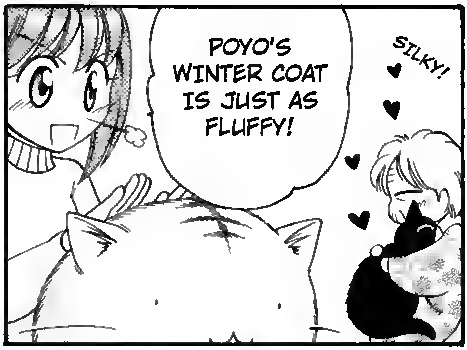


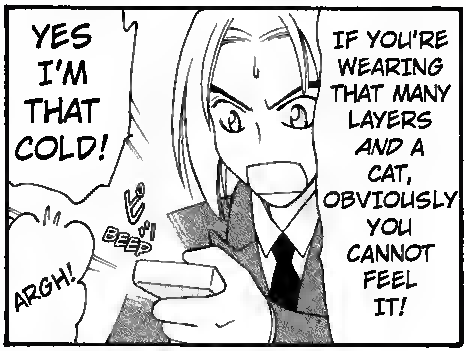


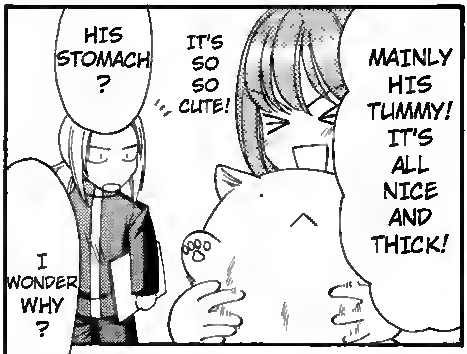


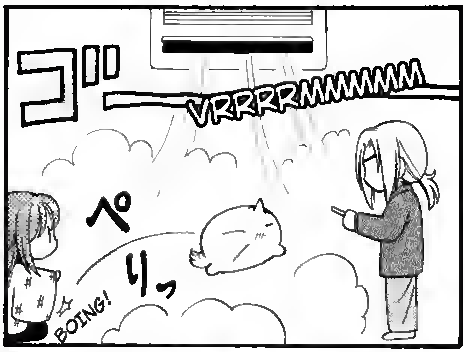
HE IS FLUFFY FROM HIS WINTER COAT.
THIS IS KUROBEI.

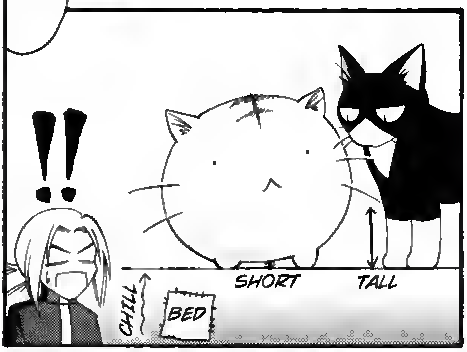

ARE YOU REALLY THAT COLD?
IT'S FREEZING !!!
WHY IS THE HEATER NOT ON?!

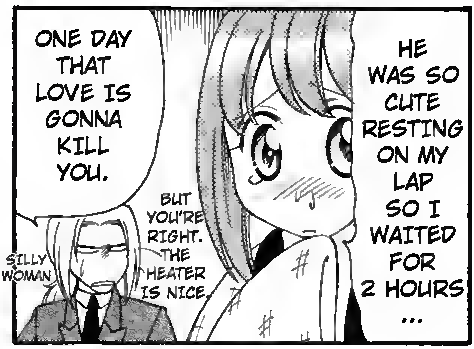

POYO'S WINTER COAT IS JUST AS FLUFFY!
SILKY!

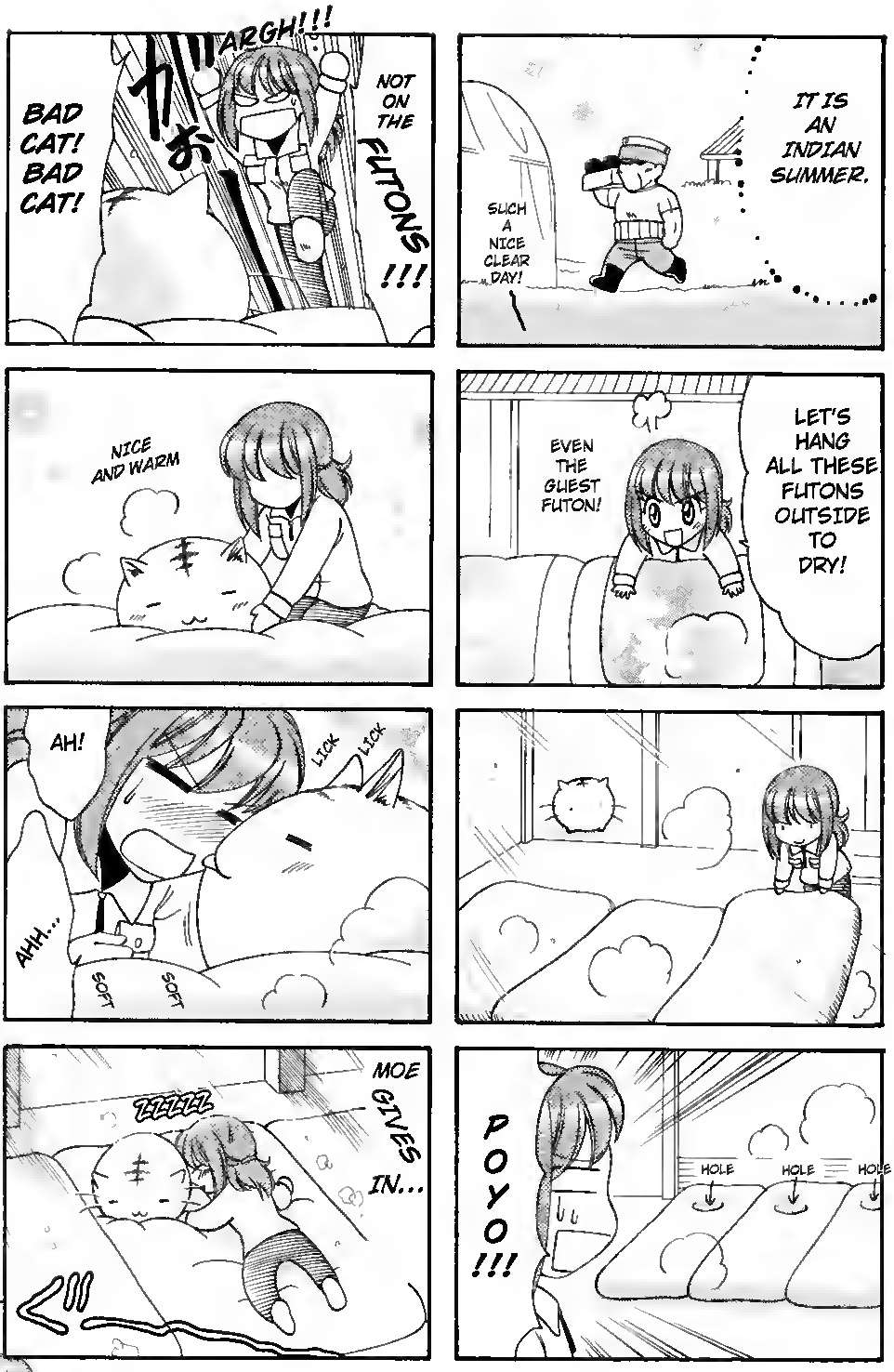

YES I'M THAT COLD!
IF YOU'RE WEARING THAT MANY LAYERS AND A CAT, OBVIOUSLY YOU CANNOT FEEL IT!
ARGH!
BEEP

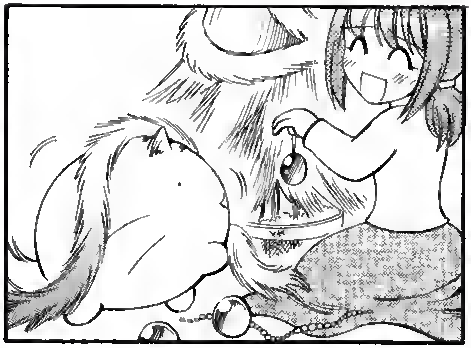

HIS STOMACH ?
IT'S SO SO CUTE!
MAINLY HIS TUMMY! IT'S ALL NICE AND THICK!
I WONDER WHY ?

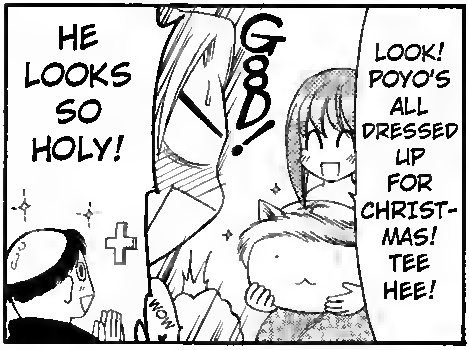

VRRRRMMMMM
BOING!

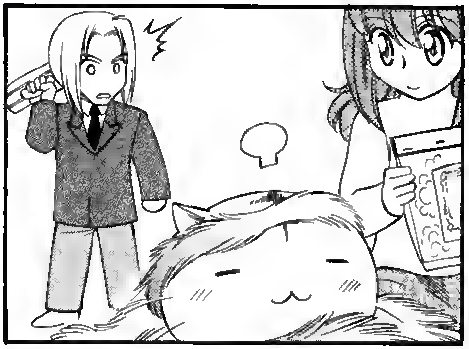

!!
SHORT
TALL
CHILL
BED


ONE DAY THAT LOVE IS GONNA KILL YOU.
BUT YOU'RE RIGHT. THE HEATER IS NICE.
SILLY WOMAN
HE WAS SO CUTE RESTING ON MY LAP SO I WAITED FOR 2 HOURS ...

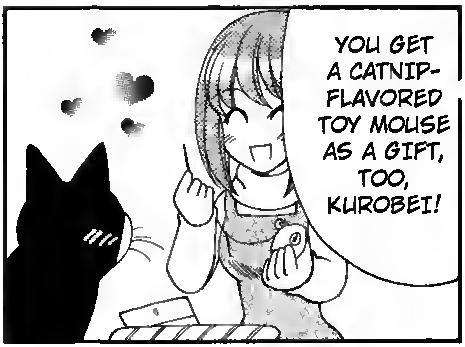

ARGH!!!
BAD CAT! BAD CAT!
NOT ON THE FUTONS !!!
IT IS AN INDIAN SUMMER.
SUCH A NICE CLEAR DAY!
NICE AND WARM
LET'S HANG ALL THESE FUTONS OUTSIDE TO DRY!
EVEN THE GUEST FUTON!
AH!
LICK
LICK
AHH...
SOFT
SOFT
MOE GIVES IN...
ZZZZZZ
POYO !!!
HOLE
HOLE
HOLE
BACK TO THE BEGIN-NING!

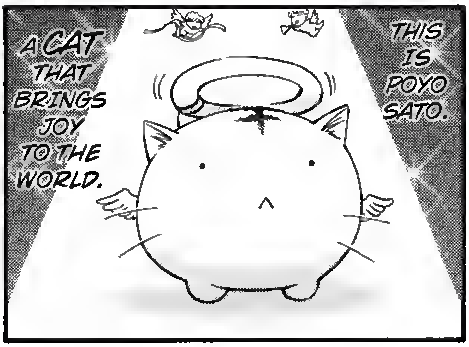



HE LOOKS SO HOLY!
GOD!
WOW
LOOK! POYO'S ALL DRESSED UP FOR CHRIST-MAS! TEE HEE!

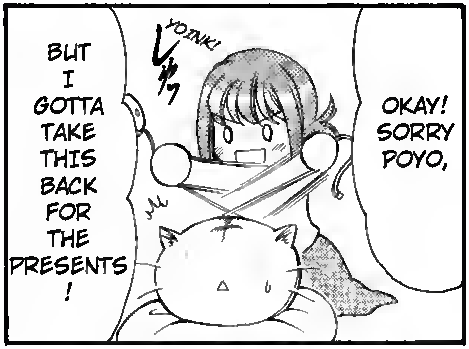


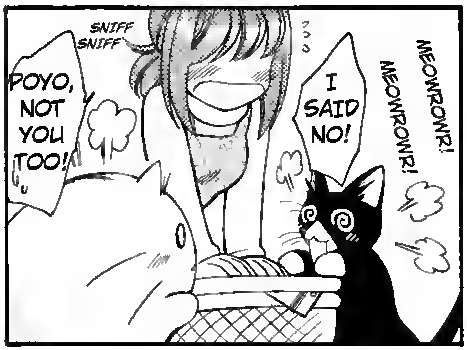
POYOPOYO'S
OBSERVATION DIARY


YOU GET A CATNIP-FLAVORED TOY MOUSE AS A GIFT, TOO, KUROBEI!

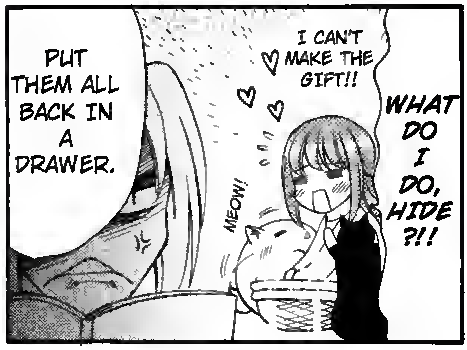

A CAT THAT BRINGS JOY TO THE WORLD.
THIS IS POYO SATO.

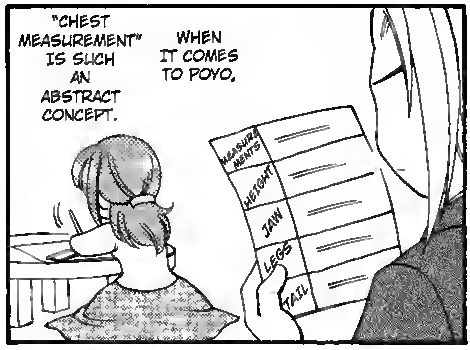
AH! NO!
WAIT UNTIL CHRIST-MAS, KURO!
SHAKE
CATNIP
SILVERVINE KIND
SHAKE

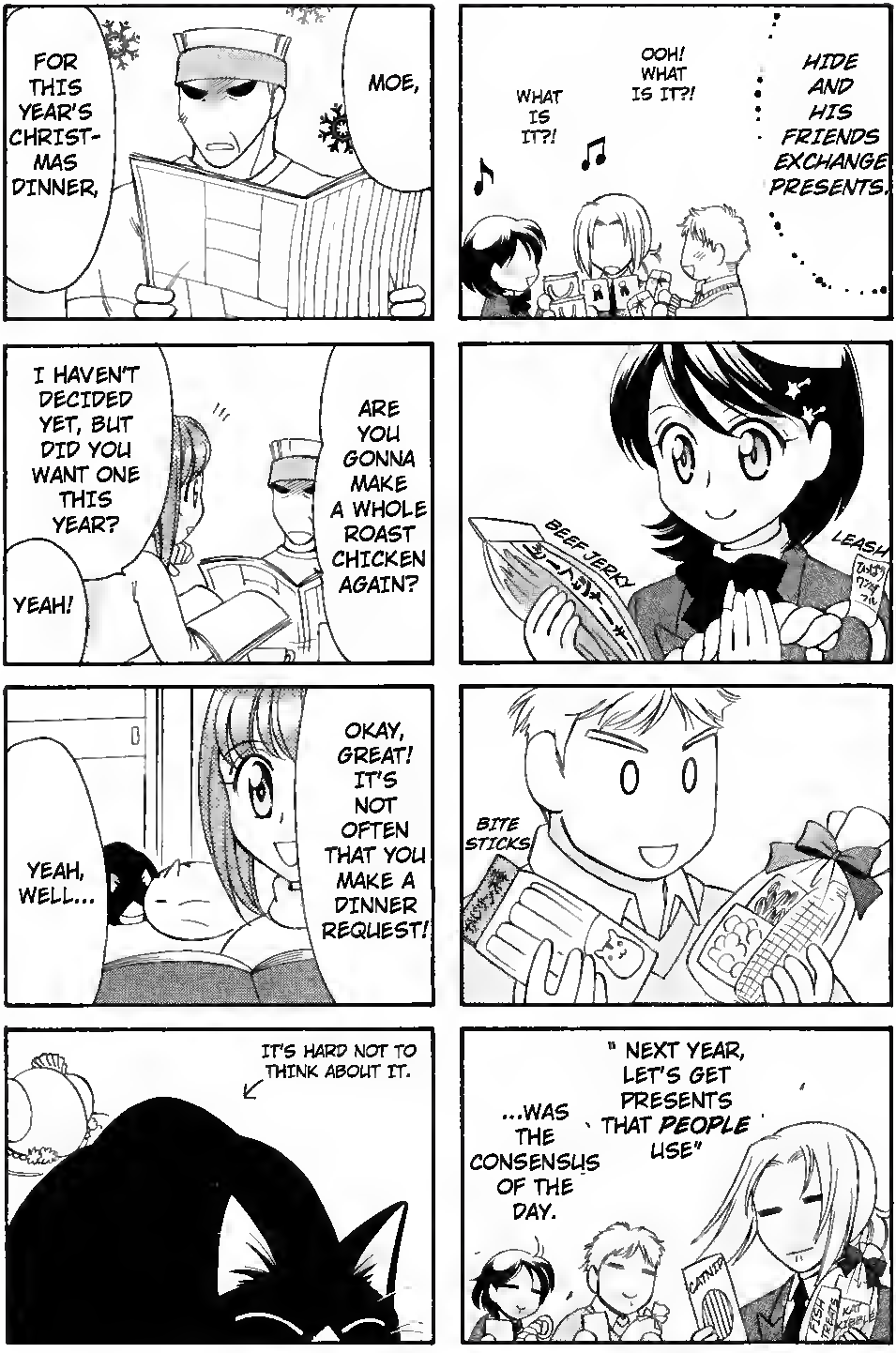

OKAY! SORRY POYO,
YOINK!
BUT I GOTTA TAKE THIS BACK FOR THE PRESENTS!


SNIFF SNIFF
POYO, NOT YOU TOO!
I SAID NO!
MEOWROWR! MEOWROWR!

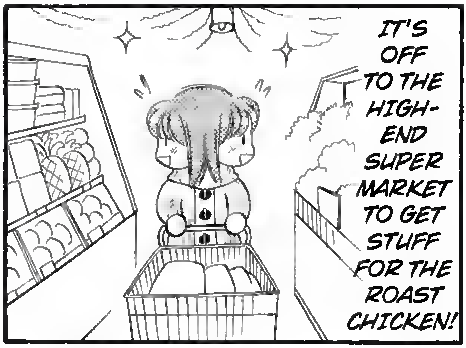
HMM.. CIRCUMFERENCE
IS 79 CM!

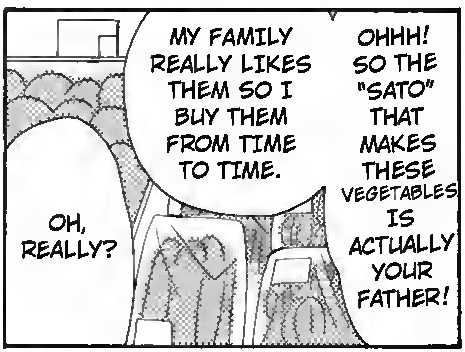

PUT THEM ALL BACK IN A DRAWER.
I CAN'T MAKE THE GIFT!!
MEOW!
WHAT DO I DO, HIDE?!!

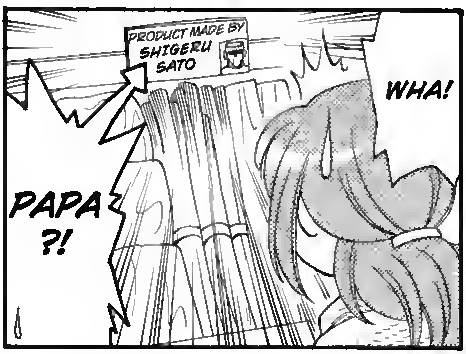

"CHEST MEASUREMENT" IS SUCH AN ABSTRACT CONCEPT.
WHEN IT COMES TO POYO,
MEASUREMENTS
HEIGHT
JAW
LEGS
TAIL


FOR THIS YEAR'S CHRIST-MAS DINNER,
MOE,
WHAT IS IT?!
OOH! WHAT IS IT?!
HIDE AND HIS FRIENDS EXCHANGE PRESENTS.
I HAVEN'T DECIDED YET, BUT DID YOU WANT ONE THIS YEAR?
YEAH!
ARE YOU GONNA MAKE A WHOLE ROAST CHICKEN AGAIN?
BEEF JERKY
LEASH
YEAH, WELL...
OKAY, GREAT! IT'S NOT OFTEN THAT YOU MAKE A DINNER REQUEST!
BITE STICKS
IT'S HARD NOT TO THINK ABOUT IT.
...WAS THE CONSENSUS OF THE DAY.
" NEXT YEAR, LET'S GET PRESENTS THAT PEOPLE USE"
CATNIP
AND BESIDES, THAT CAT ISN'T EVEN MINE...

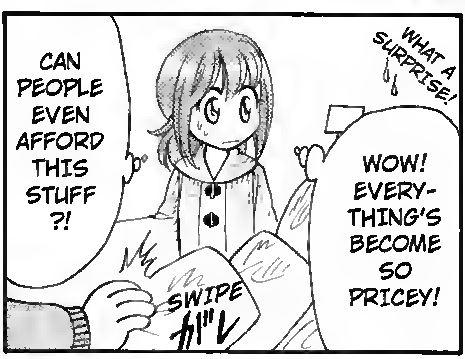
HUH? AH!
YOU'RE POYO'S OWNER!
HEY! YOU'RE POYO'S VET!

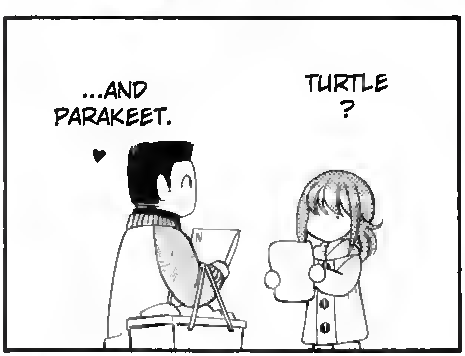

IT'S OFF TO THE HIGH-END SUPER MARKET TO GET STUFF FOR THE ROAST CHICKEN!

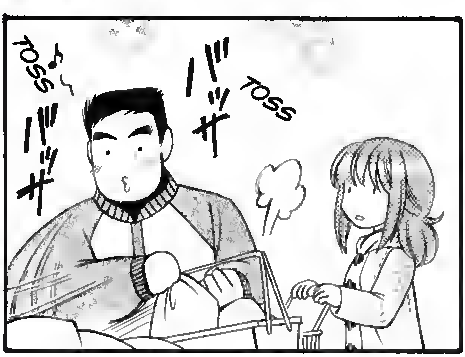

MY FAMILY REALLY LIKES THEM SO I BUY THEM FROM TIME TO TIME.
OHHH! SO THE "SATO" THAT MAKES THESE VEGETABLES IS ACTUALLY YOUR FATHER!
OH, REALLY?


PRODUCT MADE BY SHIGERU SATO
WHA!
PAPA ?!

NO! NO! NOT MY WIFE.
MY... TURTLE!
SHE MUST KNOW WHAT SHE LIKES!
THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING US! YOUR WIFE MUST REALLY APPRECIATE YOU BUYING SUCH EXPENSIVE STUFF...


CAN PEOPLE EVEN AFFORD THIS STUFF ?!
WHAT A SURPRISE!
WOW! EVERY-THING'S BECOME SO PRICEY!
SWIPE


...AND PARAKEET.
TURTLE ?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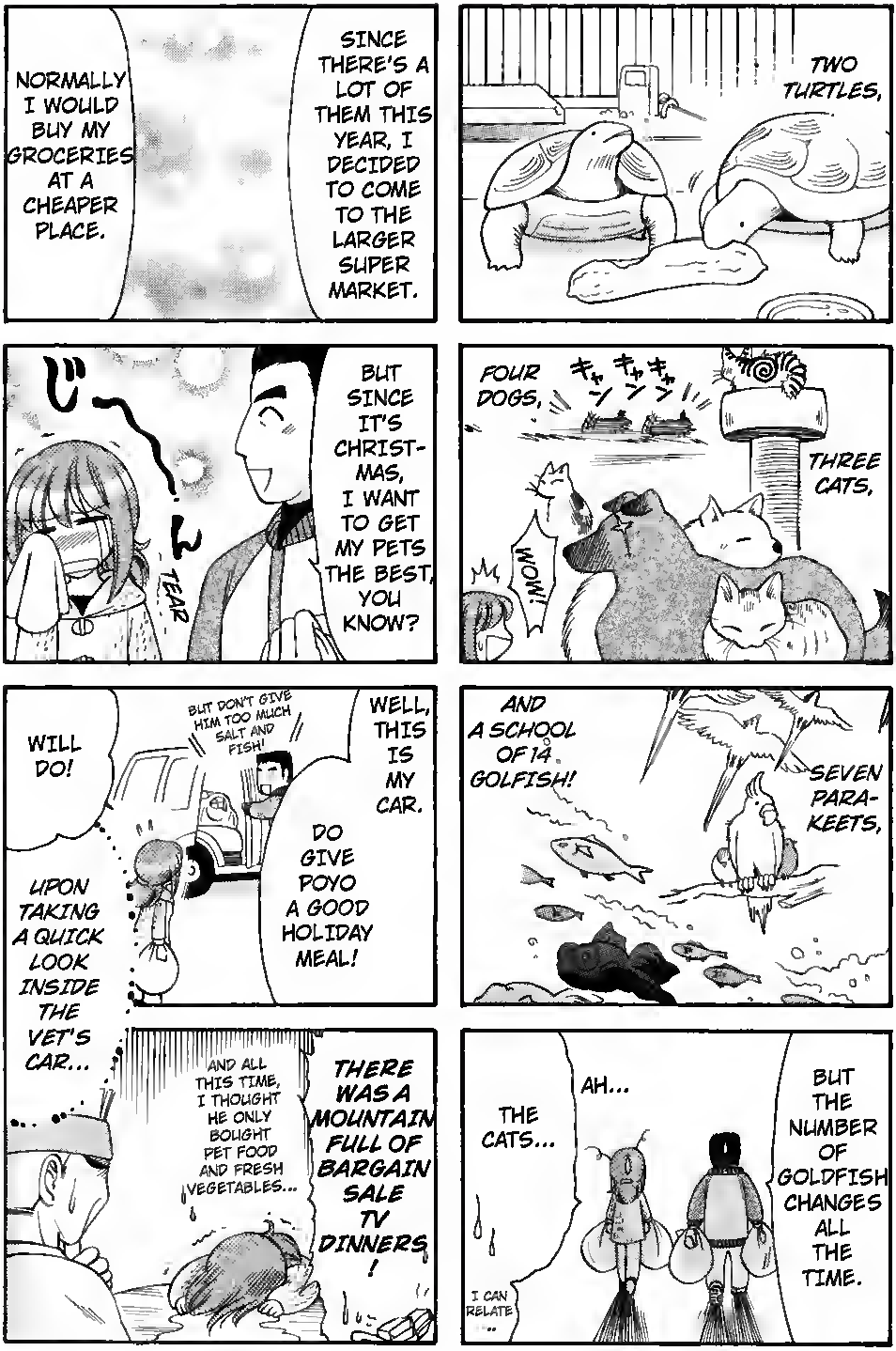
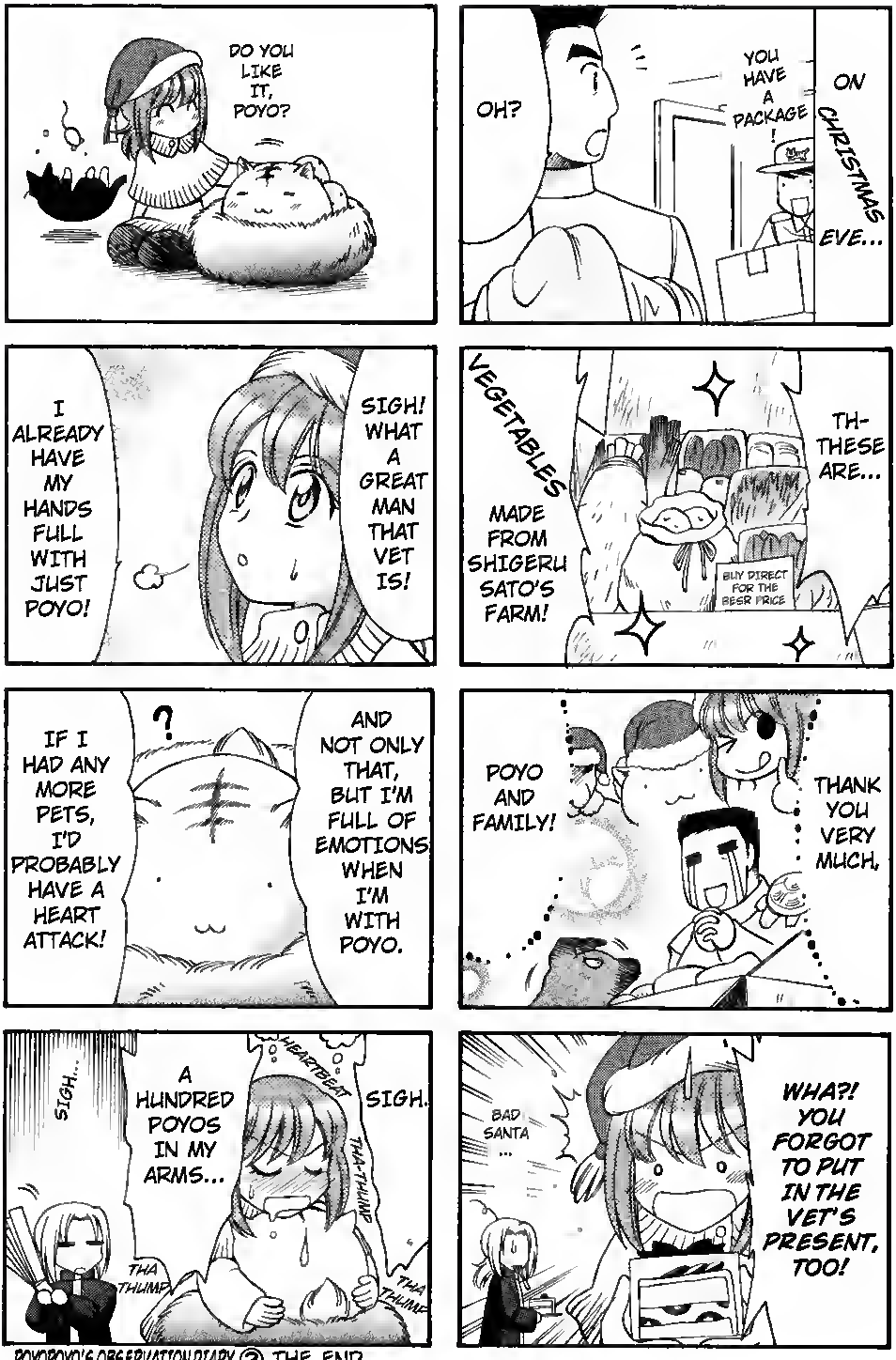
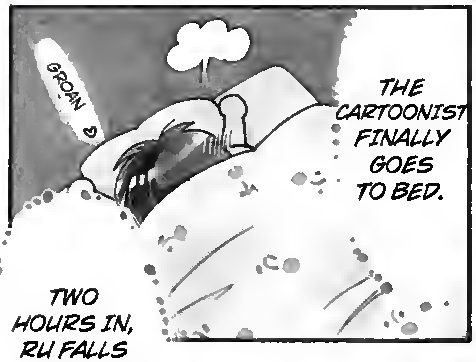
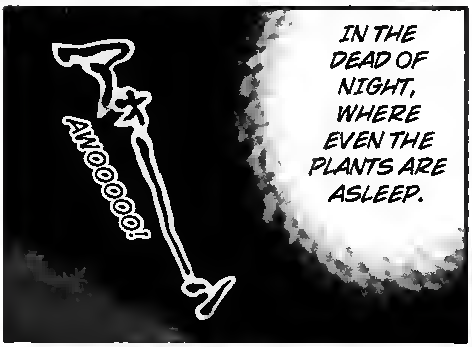
TOSS

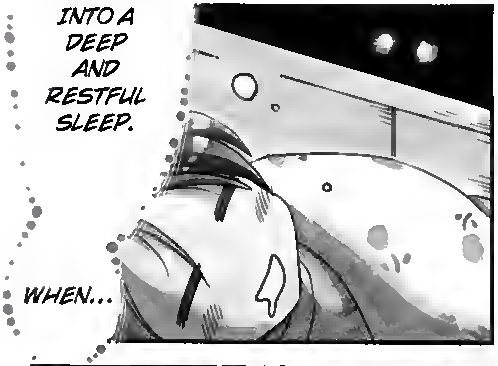

NORMALLY I WOULD BUY MY GROCERIES AT A CHEAPER PLACE.
SINCE THERE'S A LOT OF THEM THIS YEAR, I DECIDED TO COME TO THE LARGER SUPER MARKET.
TWO TURTLES,
じ～っ
TEAR
BUT SINCE IT'S CHRIST-MAS, I WANT TO GET MY PETS THE BEST, YOU KNOW?
FOUR DOGS,
キャンキャンキャン
THREE CATS,
MOW!
WILL DO!
BUT DON'T GIVE HIM TOO MUCH SALT AND FISH!
WELL, THIS IS MY CAR.
DO GIVE POYO A GOOD HOLIDAY MEAL!
UPON TAKING A QUICK LOOK INSIDE THE VET'S CAR...
AND ALL THIS TIME, I THOUGHT HE ONLY BOUGHT PET FOOD AND FRESH VEGETABLES...
THERE WAS A MOUNTAIN FULL OF BARGAIN SALE TV DINNERS!
AND A SCHOOL OF 14 GOLFISH!
SEVEN PARA-KEETS,
AH...
THE CATS...
I CAN RELATE...
BUT THE NUMBER OF GOLDFISH CHANGES ALL THE TIME.


DO YOU LIKE IT, POYO?
OH?
YOU HAVE A PACKAGE!
ON CHRISTMAS EVE...
I ALREADY HAVE MY HANDS FULL WITH JUST POYO!
SIGH! WHAT A GREAT MAN THAT VET IS!
VEGETABLES MADE FROM SHIGERU SATO'S FARM!
BUY DIRECT FOR THE BEST PRICE
TH-THESE ARE...
IF I HAD ANY MORE PETS, I'D PROBABLY HAVE A HEART ATTACK!
?
AND NOT ONLY THAT, BUT I'M FULL OF EMOTIONS WHEN I'M WITH POYO.
POYO AND FAMILY!
THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
SIGH...
A HUNDRED POYOS IN MY ARMS...
HEARTBEAT
THA-THUMP
SIGH.
THA THUMP
THA THUMP
BAD SANTA ...
WHA?! YOU FORGOT TO PUT IN THE VET'S PRESENT, TOO!

POYOPOYO'S OBSERVATION DIARY ② THE END


GROAN
THE CARTOONIST FINALLY GOES TO BED.


AWOOOOO!
IN THE DEAD OF NIGHT, WHERE EVEN THE PLANTS ARE ASLEEP.

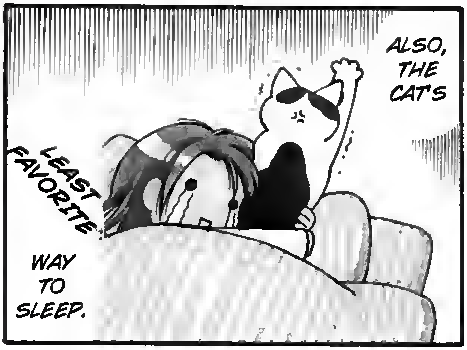

TWO HOURS IN, RU FALLS INTO A DEEP AND RESTFUL SLEEP.
WHEN...

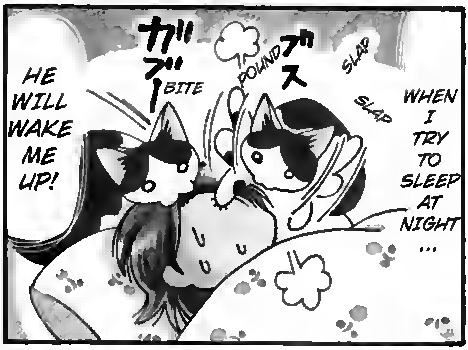
FINALLY, TIME TO SLEEP!
YESSS! I'M DONE!

LI'L "MU" (KITTY EDITION)
OOF!
FIVE KILOS OF WEIGHT DROP ONTO HER STOMACH.
CAT DIVE!
THUD
EX
RICE BAG (5K)

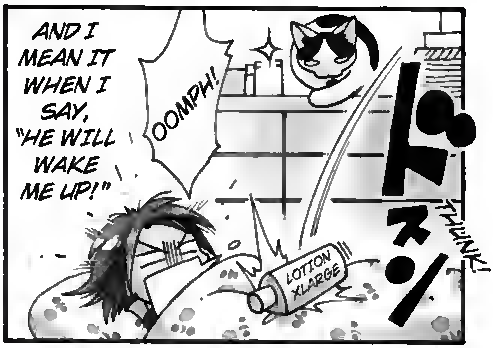
RU'S FAVORITE WAY TO SLEEP.

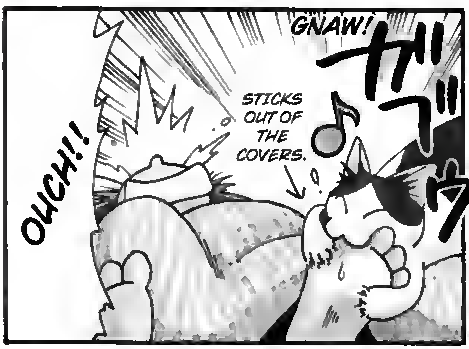
IS A CONSTANT SLEEP DIS-TURBER!
EVERY-ONE, PLEASE LISTEN!
MY CAT...

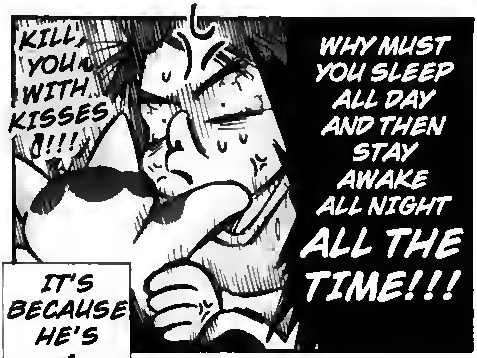

ALSO, THE CAT'S
LEAST FAVORITE
WAY TO SLEEP.

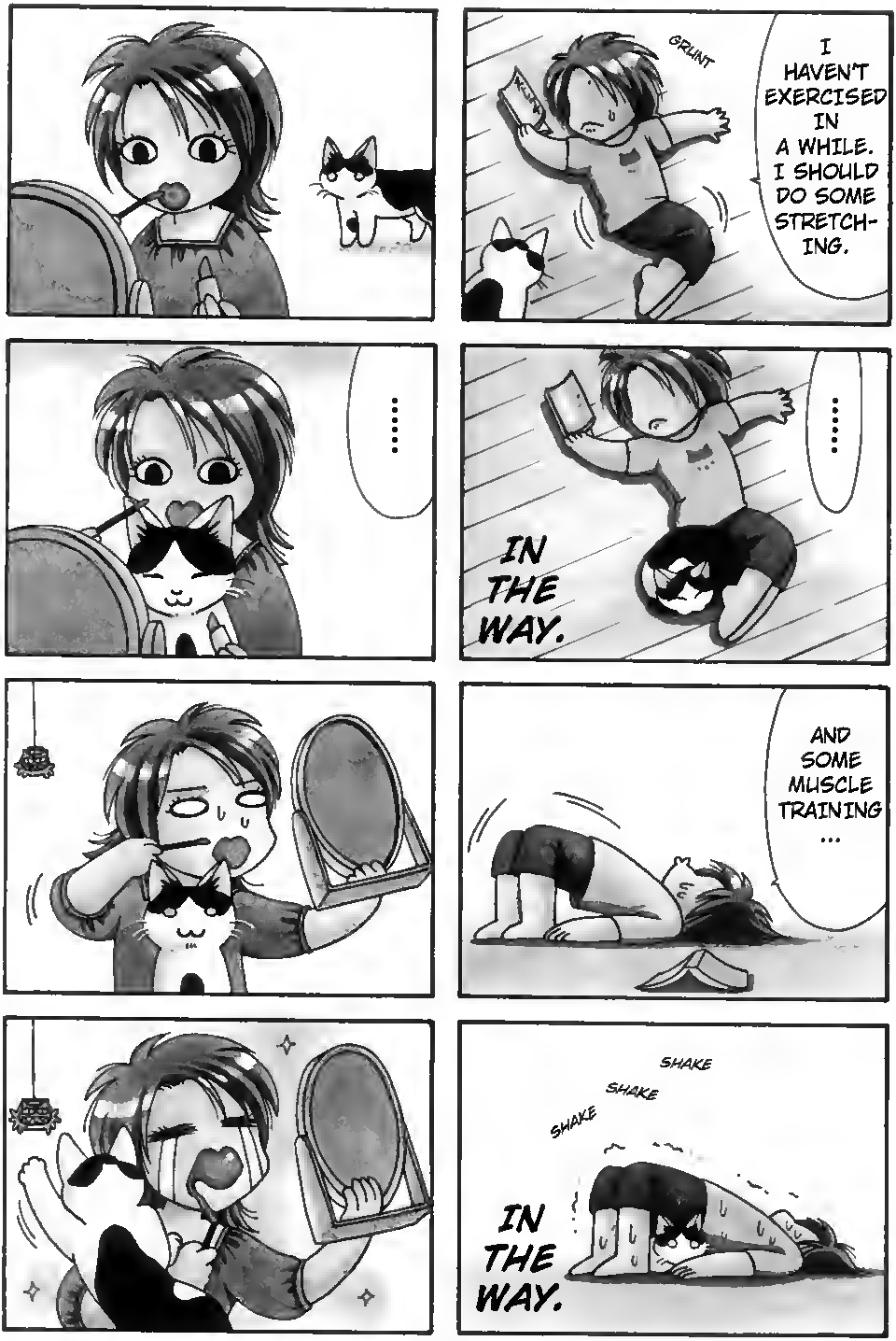

HE WILL WAKE ME UP!
ガブ! BITE
ガス POUND
SLAP
SLAP
WHEN I TRY TO SLEEP AT NIGHT ...

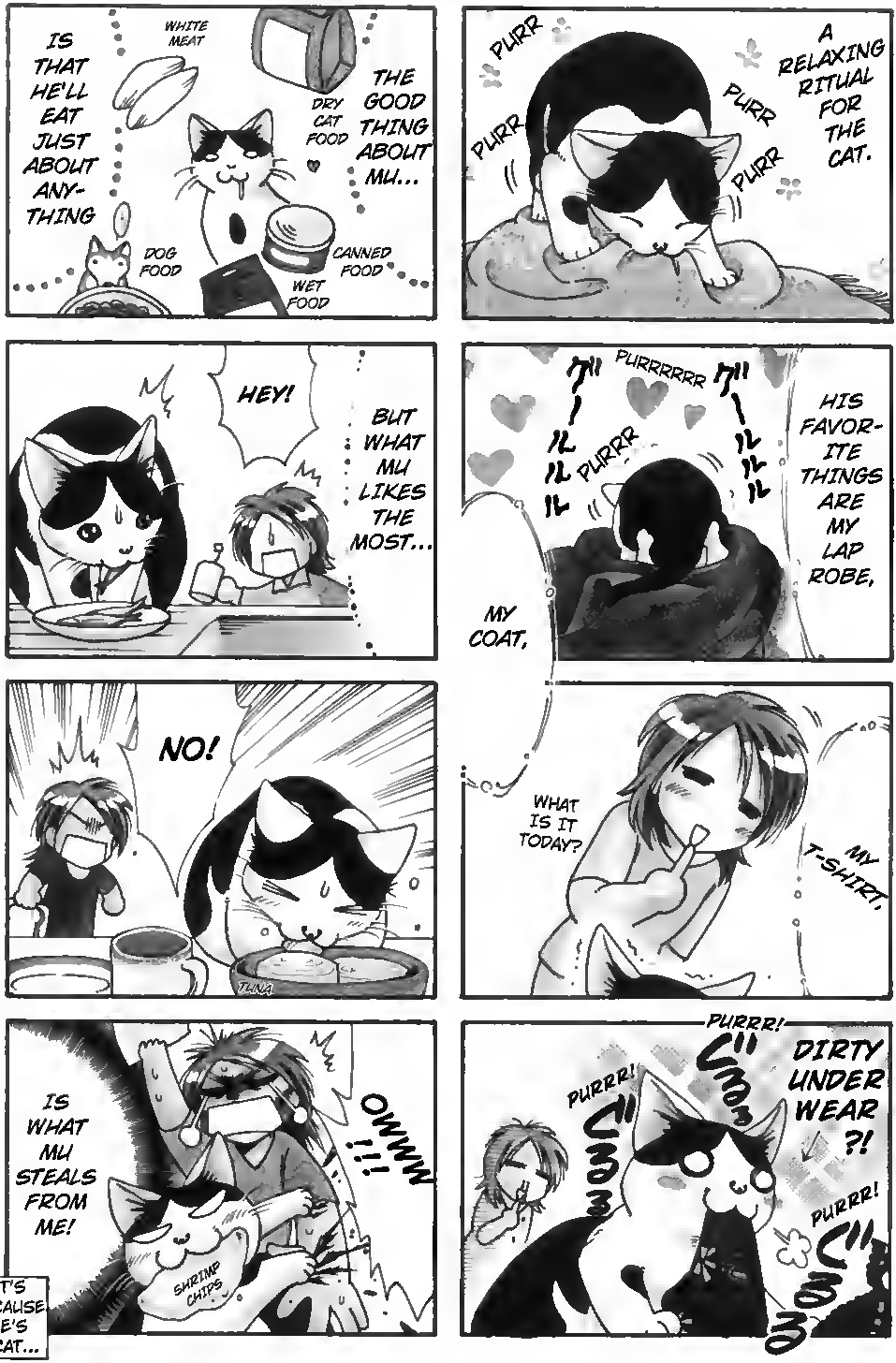
WHAT THE CAT DOES LIKE, THOUGH, IS ...

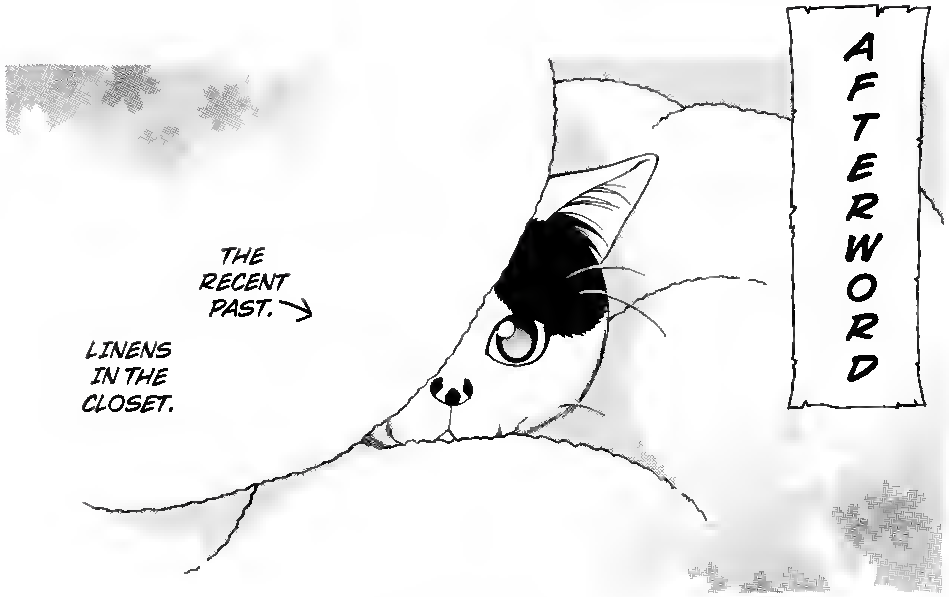

AND I MEAN IT WHEN I SAY, "HE WILL WAKE ME UP!"
OOMPH!
ドスン!
THUNK!
LOTION XLARGE

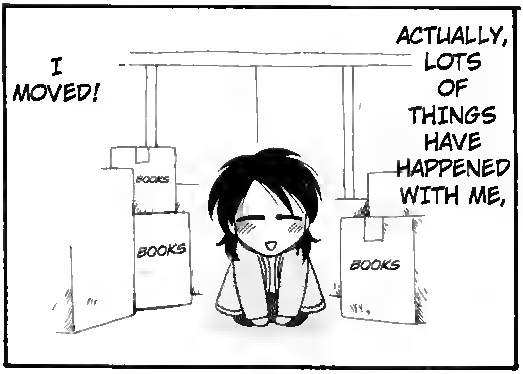

OUCH!!
GNAW!
ガブ
STICKS OUT OF THE COVERS.

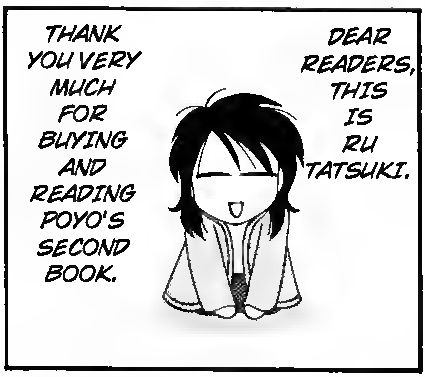

KILL YOU WITH KISSES!!!!
WHY MUST YOU SLEEP ALL DAY AND THEN STAY AWAKE ALL NIGHT ALL THE TIME!!!
IT'S BECAUSE HE'S A CAT...

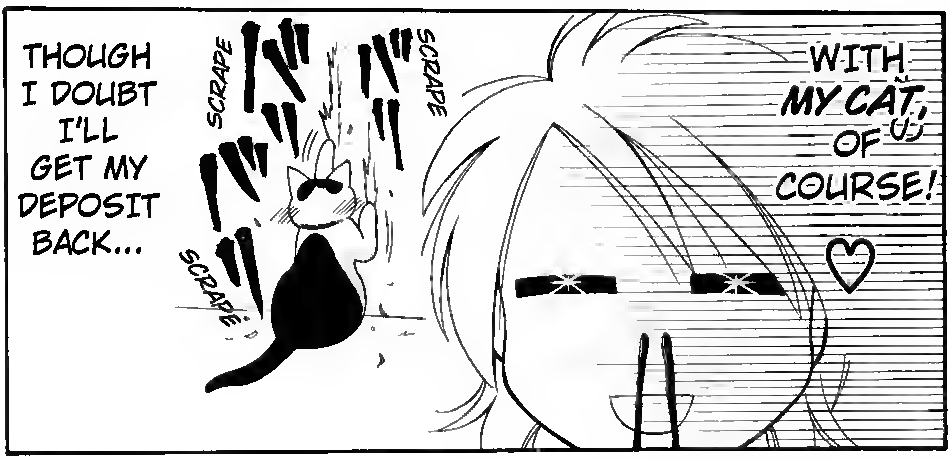

GRUNT
I HAVEN'T EXERCISED IN A WHILE. I SHOULD DO SOME STRETCH-ING.
.....
.....
IN THE WAY.
AND SOME MUSCLE TRAINING ...
SHAKE
SHAKE
SHAKE
IN THE WAY.

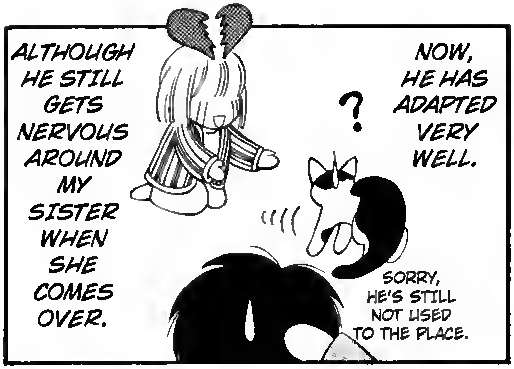

IS THAT HE'LL EAT JUST ABOUT ANY-THING
WHITE MEAT
DRY CAT FOOD
THE GOOD THING ABOUT MU...
DOG FOOD
CANNED FOOD
WET FOOD
PURR
PURR
PURR
PURR
A RELAXING RITUAL FOR THE CAT.
HEY!
BUT WHAT MU LIKES THE MOST...
PURRRRRR
PURR
HIS FAVOR-ITE THINGS ARE MY LAP ROBE,
MY COAT,
NO!
WHAT IS IT TODAY?
MY T-SHIRT,
IS WHAT MU STEALS FROM ME!
OWWW!!!
SHRIMP CHIPS
PURRR!
PURRR!
PURRR!
DIRTY UNDER WEAR ?!
IT'S BECAUSE HE'S A CAT...

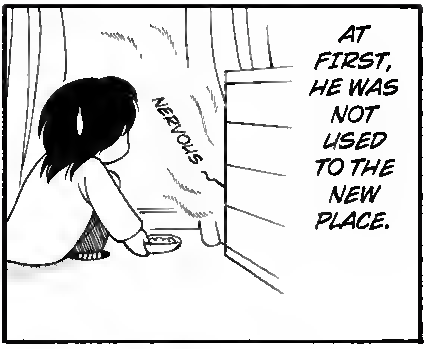

AFTERWORD
THE RECENT PAST.
LINENS IN THE CLOSET.


I MOVED!
ACTUALLY, LOTS OF THINGS HAVE HAPPENED WITH ME,
BOOKS
BOOKS
BOOKS


DEAR READERS, THIS IS RU TATSUKI.
THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR BUYING AND READING POYO'S SECOND BOOK.

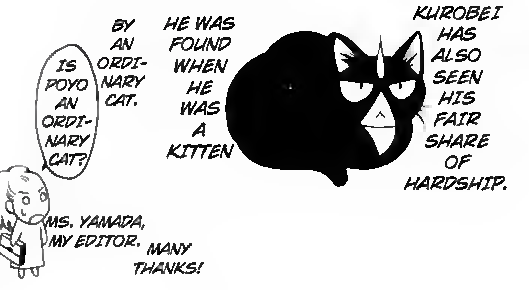

THOUGH I DOUBT I'LL GET MY DEPOSIT BACK...
SCRAPE
SCRAPE
SCRAPE
WITH MY CAT, OF COURSE!


ALTHOUGH HE STILL GETS NERVOUS AROUND MY SISTER WHEN SHE COMES OVER.
NOW, HE HAS ADAPTED VERY WELL.
?
SORRY, HE'S STILL NOT USED TO THE PLACE.


NERVOUS
AT FIRST, HE WAS NOT USED TO THE NEW PLACE.

SO YOU AND I CAN BE HAPPY!
MAMA'S GONNA DO HER BEST!
ALTHOUGH, I DO FEEL BAD FOR CHANGING MU'S LIVING ENVIRONMENT AS HE IS VERY SENSITIVE.

CACK! THE DELIVERY SERVICE CLOSES IN 30 MINUTES!)
HE HAS BECOME QUITE THE ATTENTION SEEKER.
LICK!
INCIDENTALLY, SINCE THE MOVE...


IS POYO AN ORDINARY CAT?
BY AN ORDINARY CAT.
HE WAS FOUND WHEN HE WAS A KITTEN
KUROBEI HAS ALSO SEEN HIS FAIR SHARE OF HARDSHIP.
VERY STRONG AND ROBUST.
POYO WAS ONCE A STRAY, SO HE IS A TOUGH CAT.
MS. YAMADA, MY EDITOR.
MANY THANKS!

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